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Samurai Grabby-Hands
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CHARACTERS

CHIHAYA IKARUGA
BLOOD TYPE: B SIGN: SAGITTARIUS HEIGHT: 4'11" 31 - 21 - 32
SHE MAY BE SECOND-YOUNGEST, BUT THIS THIRD-YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOLER IS ALREADY A PROFESSIONAL MANGAKA! YOICHI TICKLES HER CREATIVE BRAIN, SHE TRIES TO "RESEARCH" HIM CONSTANTLY.
AYAME IKARUGA
BLOOD TYPE: O SIGN: CANCER HEIGHT: 5'2" 31 - 22 - 31
UNLIKE HER BIG SISTER, THIS FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL KNOWS HER WAY AROUND A CLOSET. THOROUGHLY MODERN AYAME DISSED OLD-FASHIONED YOICHI AT FIRST, BUT IT SEEMS THAT "LIKE" IS THE NEW "HATE," AS SHE'S STARTE TO FALL FOR HIM. JUST DON'T MENTION HER FLA CHEST, ISN'T FILLING OU THAT CUTE NEW TOP.
KAGOME IKARUGA
BLOOD TYPE: O SIGN: PISCES HEIGHT: 4'6" 26 - 20 - 27
THIS SHRINKING VIOLET IS THE LITTLEST IKARUGA. THOUGH SHE'S YOUNG, THIS FOURTH GRADER EXCELS AT BIG GIRL THINGS LIKE COOKING AND SEWING.
WASHIZU KENJI
SAPPY DELINQUENT WITH A CRUSH ON IBUKI, HIS CLASSMATE.
TORGAYA
WASHIZU'S LACKEY. SORTA WACKY.

STORY SO FAR

JUST AS YOICHI FINALLY BEGAN TO SETTLE INTO HIS NEW LIFE WITH THE FOUR IKARUGA SISTERS, A PAIR OF ASSASSINS ARRIVED! TSUBAME TSUBASA AND HER SERVANT ANGELA TAKATSUKASA SOUGHT YOICHI'S HEAD, ON COMMISSION FROM A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER WHO PROMISED THEM A FORTUNE GREAT ENOUGH TO REVITALIZE THEIR DYING MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL--SHOULD THEY SUCCEED. BUT YOICHI'S INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND UNBENDING HONOR PREVAILED, AND THE GIRLS REMEMBERED THEIR WARRIOR ROOTS AND REPENTED. TSUBASA, WHO HAD ALWAYS WISHED FOR A NORMAL LIFE, THEN CONVINCED ANGELA TO LET THE TWO OF THEM LIVE NOT TOO FAR FROM THE IKARUGA DOJO...

INTRODUCTION

YOICHI KARASUMA
FRESH FROM A LIFETIME OF TRAINING IN THE MOUNTAINS, THIS YOUNG SWORDSMAN IS NOW A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE MAY HAVE SURPASSED HIS OWN FATHER AS A MASTER OF THE SWORD, BUT HE HAS A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT THE MODERN WORLD...ESPECIALLY GIRLS.
IBUKI IKARUGA
BLOOD TYPE: A SIGN: VIRGO HEIGHT: 5'3"
AS THE OLDEST SISTER, CARE OF THE IKARUGA DOJO FELL TO THIS SECOND-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHEN HER PARENTS LEFT TO TRAIN OVERSEAS. SHE'S GOT A DYNAMITE BODY, BUT IT'S HER TEMPER THAT'S DOWNRIGHT EXPLOSIVE.
ANGELA TAKATSUKASA
THE VOLUPTUOUS VASSAL OF THE TSUBAME FAMILY IS BEGINNING TO FEEL A LITTLE "LOYALTY" TO...YOICHI!
TSUBASA TSUBAME
THE TSUBAMEBEN TENRYUU STYLE'S HEIR DREAMS OF LIVING A NORMAL LIFE WITH HER CRUSH, WASHIZU.

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♡ THIS IS A WORK OF FICTION.

YOU'RE PERKY, WA-SAN!
HELL YEAH, I AM!
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LA LA LA LAAA! ♪
I MEAN, STARTIN' TOMOR-ROW...
...IKARUGA-SAN AND I...
--OH, UH...
...AND THE OTHER GUYS FROM THE DOJO, TOO--
...ARE ALL GETTIN' TOGETH-ER FOR A TRAINING VACA-TION...
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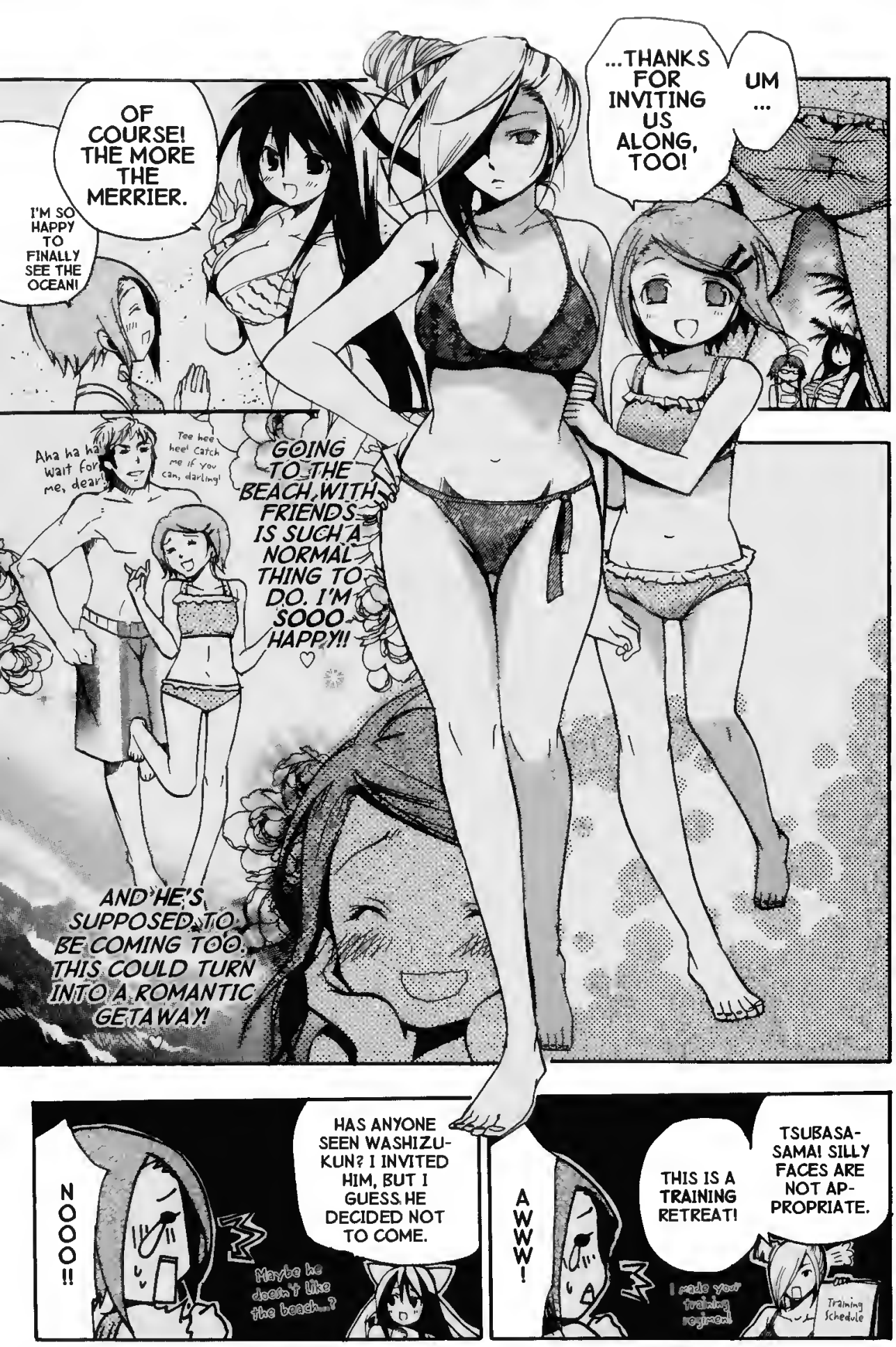
NINTH BLADE:
BIKINIS, TWO-PIECES AND
SCHOOL SWIMSUITS
YAY! THE OCEAN !!
UH, WA-SAN? ACCORDING TO THE FLYER, THE RETREAT STARTS TODAY, NOT TOMORROW.
WHAAT?!

...AT THE BEACH!!

MMM
MM!
OOH, IT FEELS SO GREAT TO HAVE THE WHOLE PLACE TO OUR-SELVES! ♡
PRETTY AMBITIOUS IDEA YOU HAD, RENTING OUT A WHOLE ISLAND.
HEY, CHIHAYA!
I JUST GOT A POSTCARD IN THE MAIL SAYING I WON AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID ISLAND VACATION!
I ENTER SO MANY SWEEP-STAKES, I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE THIS WAS.
OH, THIS WASN'T PLANNED!
You really CAN win!
THAT'S REAL HOUSE-WIFEY OF YOU.
3-C
IKARUGA

SWIMSUIT: CLASS 3-C: IKARUGA


UM ...
...THANKS FOR INVITING US ALONG, TOO!
OF COURSE! THE MORE THE MERRIER.
I'M SO HAPPY TO FINALLY SEE THE OCEAN!
Aha ha ha! Wait for me, dear!
Tee hee hee! Catch me if you can, darling!
GOING TO THE BEACH WITH FRIENDS IS SUCH A NORMAL THING TO DO. I'M SOOO HAPPY!!
AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE COMING TOO. THIS COULD TURN INTO A ROMANTIC GETAWAY!
NOOO!!
HAS ANYONE SEEN WASHIZU-KUN? I INVITED HIM, BUT I GUESS HE DECIDED NOT TO COME.
Maybe he doesn't like the beach...?
AWWW!
TSUBASA-SAMA! SILLY FACES ARE NOT AP-PROPRIATE.
THIS IS A TRAINING RETREAT!
I made your training regimen!
Training Schedule

WHAT FORTUNE!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AS WELL!
TSUBASA-DONO, IS THIS TRULY YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE OCEAN?
DOESN'T THINK ANYTHING OF IT
A LOIN-CLOTH?!
.....
BLUSH
NO WONDER EVEN I HAD TROUBLE, BEING PINNED BY SOMEONE SO MUSCULAR...
I SEE. KARASUMA'S BODY IS FIRM AND WELL-TRAINED
UM, KARASUMA-KUN? IS IT NORMAL FOR YOU... TO...
?
NORMAL? BUT OF COURSE!
.....
HMM?
N-NO! I'M NOT THINKING OF ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!
ANGIE, IS SOME-THING WRONG?

CHANGING ROOM
RRGH...!
FIT!
YOU UNDER-STAND MY PAIN, RIGHT?
ALL FLAT WOMEN IN THE WORLD SYMPA-THIZE!
DAMMIT! WHY DO THEY ALL GOTTA HAVE HUGE BOOBS?!
THESE PADS'LL SHOW 'EM!
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I...I DUNNO 'BOUT PAIN...
WHA?!
AUGH!! KIDS ARE SO USE-LESS!!
JEEZ, KAGOME! STOP GAWKING AND START HELPING!
TRUST ME. ALL OF THIS WILL BECOME CRYSTAL CLEAR TO YOU WHEN YOU FIND A GUY YOU LIKE...
BOING
Pad
NOT THAT I'M CRUSHING ON ANYONE RIGHT NOW, GOT IT?!
Eep!
?

WHY CAN I NOT SIMPLY STAY IN MY LOIN-CLOTH...?
HN?
GODS ABOVE.
IBUKI-DONO EXPECTS ME TO WEAR AS LOOSE AND ILL-FITTING A GARMENT AS THIS?
AH!
POP
CRAP! I MUST'VE STUFFED TOO MUCH...
AH!
A-A-AYAME-DONO!!
OH NO! I HAVE ENTERED THE WRONG ROOM BY MISTAKE!
FLAT
AUGH!!
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING SO FLAT!!!
AYAME, y' FORGOT YOUR TOP!
.....

HEY, IBUKI-SENSEI!!
WHERE'S KAGOME-CHAN?
SHE'S STILL IN THE CHANGING ROOM WITH AYAME.
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE OUT SOON.
WHAT, STILL?
HOW CAN SHE PLAY WITH US IF SHE'S NOT HERE?
MASASHI'S THINKIN' ABOUT KAGOME! ♡
H-HEY! KNOCK IT OFF!
RIIIGHT. LIKE HOW IN SCHOOL YOU KEEP BULLIES AWAY FROM HER!
SHE'S A KLUTZ, SO SOMEBODY'S GOTTA WATCH OUT FOR HER!
Whistle!
ISN'T THAT SWEET! THANKS, MASASHI-KUN.
YOU DO?
NO...
NO BIGGIE!

Bikini top
Ayame-dono!
Aaah!!
?
WAAAH!!
AYAME-DONO! PLEASE, DO NOT FLEE!
?!
M-MY EYES! I CANNOT... COUGH... SEE!
Tuc
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!!
ACK!!
RRGH ...!

!!
WAH!
TSU...
TSUBASA-DONO...!
AH...!
N-NO...
D-DON'T... IT'S--
EMBARRASSING!!!
GYAAAAA!!!
A BEAUTIFUL PUNCH, TSUBASA-SAMA!

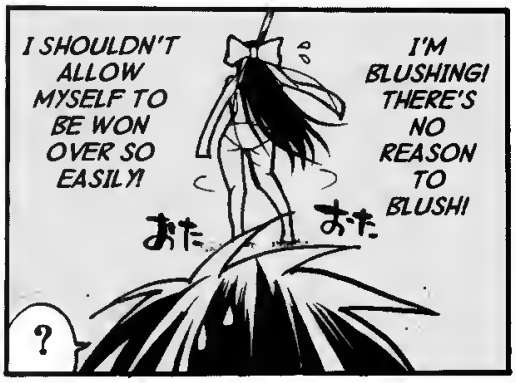
YEARGH!
WHEW...
I LAND-ED ON SOME FORM OF CUSH-ION--
SQUISH
WAAAAAAH!!
I-IBUKI... DONO...
IF YOU HADN'T NOTICED ...
... THERE ARE CHILDREN PRES-ENT...
...YOU TOTAL JERK!!
UNMPH!!

WHATEVER POSSESSED ME TO SAY WHAT I DID BACK THEN...!?
SHEESH! HE'S JUST A SCUMBALL AFTER ALL!

HMPH!
IBUKI-DONO, IT WAS A TRICK OF FATE! I SWEAR TO YOU!
Buried

ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE! SINCE WE'RE HERE TO TRAIN...
...LET'S GO SWIM-MING!

OOPS!
BLINK


I SHOULDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE WON OVER SO EASILY!
I'M BLUSHING! THERE'S NO REASON TO BLUSH!
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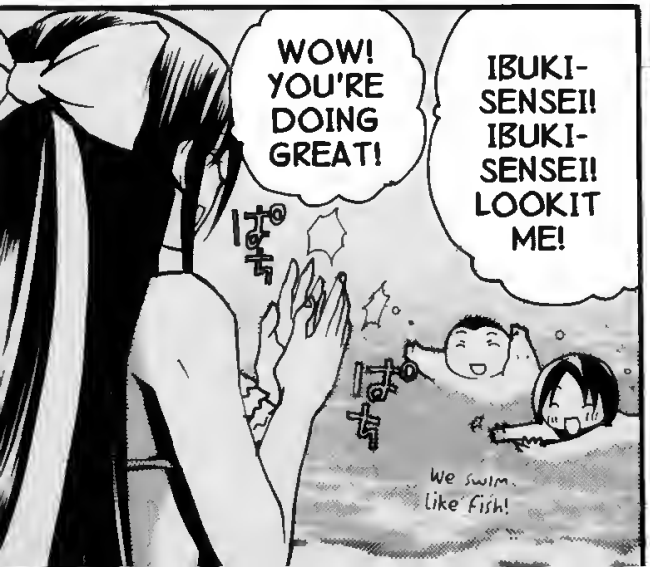
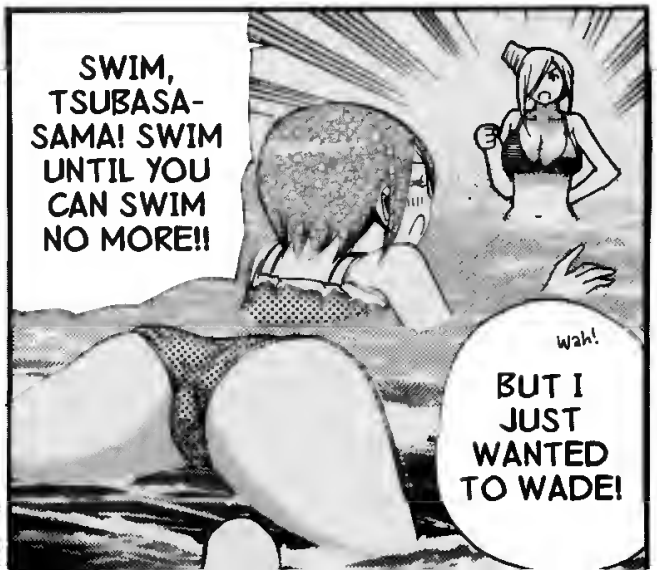

WOW! YOU'RE DOING GREAT!
IBUKI-SENSEI! IBUKI-SENSEI! LOOKIT ME!
We swim like fish!


SWIM, TSUBASA-SAMA! SWIM UNTIL YOU CAN SWIM NO MORE!!
Wah!
BUT I JUST WANTED TO WADE!

YOU CAN'T SWIM?!
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IBU... BLURBL... IBUKI-DO... BURPH...
KARASUMA, DO YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE?!
TRANSLATION: "OH MY GOD, ARE YOU OKAY?!"
HA HA HA! YOU LOOK TOTALLY LAME OVER THERE, SAMURAI!
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WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
SHE'S THE JOKER WHO GOT IN THE SAMURAI'S BED...!
?!
AS MUCH RIGHT AS YOU.
NOW, DON'T BOTHER ME WHILE I SAVE KARA-SUMA.
OH? A CHAL-LENGE?
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IS THAT A PRO-BLEM?
17
I AM 16 YEARS OLD.
?
H-HEY! YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE STACKED YOU CAN BULLY ME AROUND?! WHEN I'M AS OLD AS YOU, I BET I'LL--WAIT. HOW OLD ARE YOU ANYWAY?!
Angie, please don't fight...
I'm a work in progress!
?!
16
...PLEASE HASTEN TO MY AID!
I CARE NOT WHO, BUT SOME-ONE...
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT, BUT IT SEEMS I WON...!
D-DAMMIT! NO FAIR!!
PWAH!
!

SHEESH!
YOU CAN BE SO USELESS SOMETIMES.

IBUKI-DONO!

THEY AREN'T FLOATA-TION DEVICES!

.....

HEY! GET YOUR LAZY BUTT IN THE WATER!
CHIHAYA! I CAN HEAR YOU!
SNERK
CRAZY KIDS...
You're only young once...

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.....!
LOOK, KAGOME.
ALL YOUR FRIENDS WANT TO SWIM WITH YOU.
IS SOME-THING THE MATTER, KAGOME-DONO?
YOUR SHIRT'S STILL ON!
.....
C'MON, KAGOME.
LET'S SWIM.
...YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM?
UH, KAGOME ...
PFFT!

AHA HA HA...
HUH?
AM NOT!
AHA HA HA! YOU'RE BAD AT EVERY-THING, AREN'T YOU?

AH! KAGOME!
YOU'RE A DUMMY, MASASHI-KUN!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING 'BOUT ME!

IT'S NOT LIKE KAGOME TO GET SO UPSET.
HE MADE HER CRY, AND HE GOT DUMPED!
UH-OH! MASASHI MADE A GIRL CRY!
HUH?!
IBUKI-SENSEI! IBUKI-SENSEI!
.....

GUESS WHAT?! KAGOME-CHAN NEVER SWIMS! SHE JUST WATCHES DURING SWIM CLASS AT SCHOOL.
WHAT?!
BUT THAT'S ALMOST LIKE CUTTING CLASS ENTIRELY!
I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO KNOW.
HUFF
HUFF
ANH!
'CAUSE THEN...
...EVERYONE WILL PICK ON ME!

WAAH! GO AWAY!
!!
KAGOME!! WHAT IS THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU SKIPPING CLASS?!
AYAME, CATCH HER!
!!
HUH? HEY, KAGOME. YOU OKAY?
KIDS, YOU STAY HERE. US BIG KIDS ARE GOING IN ALONE!
DON'T THINK I CAN'T FIND YOU IN THAT FOREST!
IBUKI-DONO, YOUR VISAGE IS FRIGHTEN-ING AT PRESENT ...
KAGOME!
HEY! MASASHI-KUN!
MASASHI-DONO! PLEASE, LEAVE THE SEARCH TO IBUKI-DONO AND MYSELF. I SWEAR UPON MY HONOR WE SHALL--
LEMME GO!!
!
IT'S MY FAULT SHE'S ALL SAD.

I SHOULDN'TA MADE FUN OF HER FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SWIM.
SO I GOTTA GO TELL HER I'M SORRY...!
AH!
YOICHI-SAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
IBUKI-DONO ...
WOULD YOU NOT CONSIDER LETTING HIM GO?
?!

WHEN HE ADDRESSED ME...HIS EYES WERE FILLED WITH CONVICTION.
WILL YOU NOT LET HIM SEE THIS THROUGH?
.....
WELL, COME ON!
WE'VE GOTTA GO LOOK FOR BOTH OF THEM.
IBUKI-DONO ...!

RSTL
RSTL
UH-
OH...
I
THINK I'M
LOST...
NNH
...!
I'M
SCARED
...!
YEEP!
OOPS!
THOUGHT
THAT'D
HURT
WORSE
...
!

MASASHI-KUN!
JEEZ, YOU'RE SO CLUMSY!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF I WASN'T 'ROUND TO HELP?

Owch...
HOPE I DIDN'T SPRAIN IT.

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HA! THIS IS NOTHIN'!
WHY DO YOU HAVE BANDAGES ANYWAY?
SORRY... IT'S ALL MY FAULT YOU GOT HURT.

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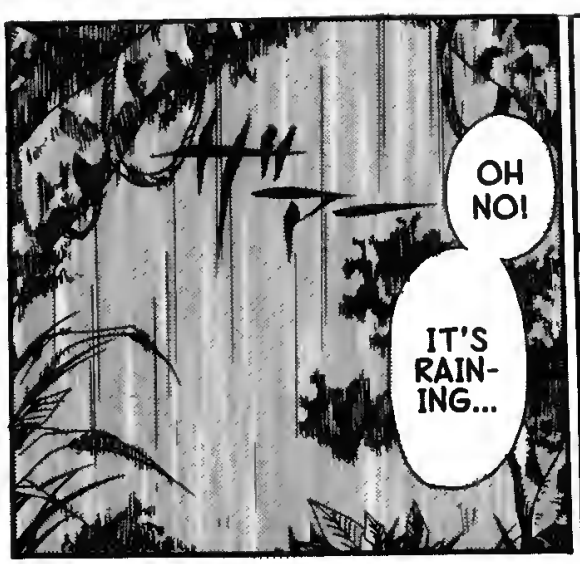
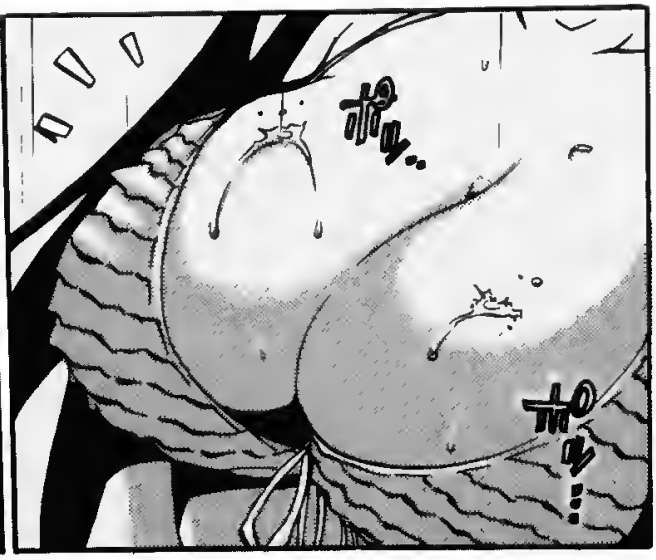
.....
UM...JUST 'CAUSE.
SO...
HUH?
OH, HEY! THIS LOOKS LIKE IT GOES SOME-WHERE.
LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
...WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I DON'T THINK WE CAN GO BACK THAT WAY...
WAAH! WAIT FOR ME!

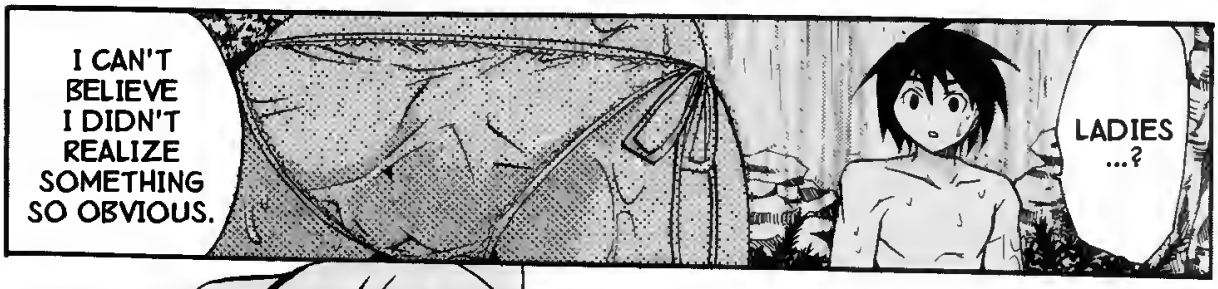
MASASHI-DONO!
KA-GOME!
KA-GOME!
KA-GOME! WHERE ARE YOU?!
KAGOME-CHAN...
MASASHI-KUN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVEN'T FOUND THEM YET. WE'VE LOOKED EVERY-WHERE!
WONDER WHERE THEY GOT THEM-SELVES TO...
HUFF
HUFF


OH NO!
IT'S RAIN-ING...



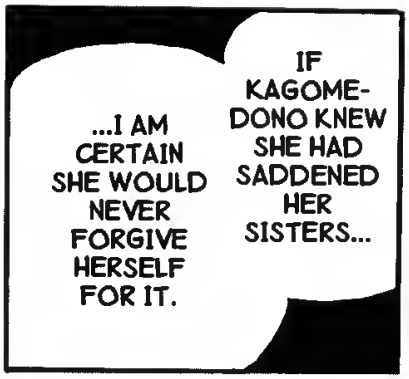
IBUKI-DONO, WE MUST...
I PRAY THEY ARE UNHURT AND HAVE FOUND SHELTER.


I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T REALIZE SOMETHING SO OBVIOUS.
LADIES ...?

THEN I OPENED MY BIG MOUTH AND MADE THINGS WORSE.
SHE PROBABLY CAN'T SWIM, JUST LIKE MASASHI-KUN SAID.
IT MUST HAVE FELT AWFUL FOR A FRIEND TO MAKE FUN OF HER!
KAGOME HAS ALWAYS BEEN BAD AT SPORTS.
THAT'S SOME-THING THAT ANY BULLY WOULD PICK ON.
C'mon! Ikaruga-san! You're too slow!

I'M GUILTY OF THAT, AS WELL...
I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING BUT MYSELF, EITHER ...
H-HEY, IT'S NOT ALL YOUR FAULT, Y'KNOW!
KAGOME...
LADIES...
AT THIS VERY MOMENT ...
...KAGOME-DONO AND MASASHI-DONO ARE FAR MORE FRIGHTENED THAN US.

WILL IT NOT CAUSE THEM GREAT CONSTER-NATION...
...FOR THEIR RESCUERS TO GREET THEM WITH SUCH GLOOMY FACES?


IF KAGOME-DONO KNEW SHE HAD SADDENED HER SISTERS...
...I AM CERTAIN SHE WOULD NEVER FORGIVE HERSELF FOR IT.

WHEN WE FIND THEM...
...WE SHOULD GREET THEM WITH OUR BRIGHTEST SMILES!

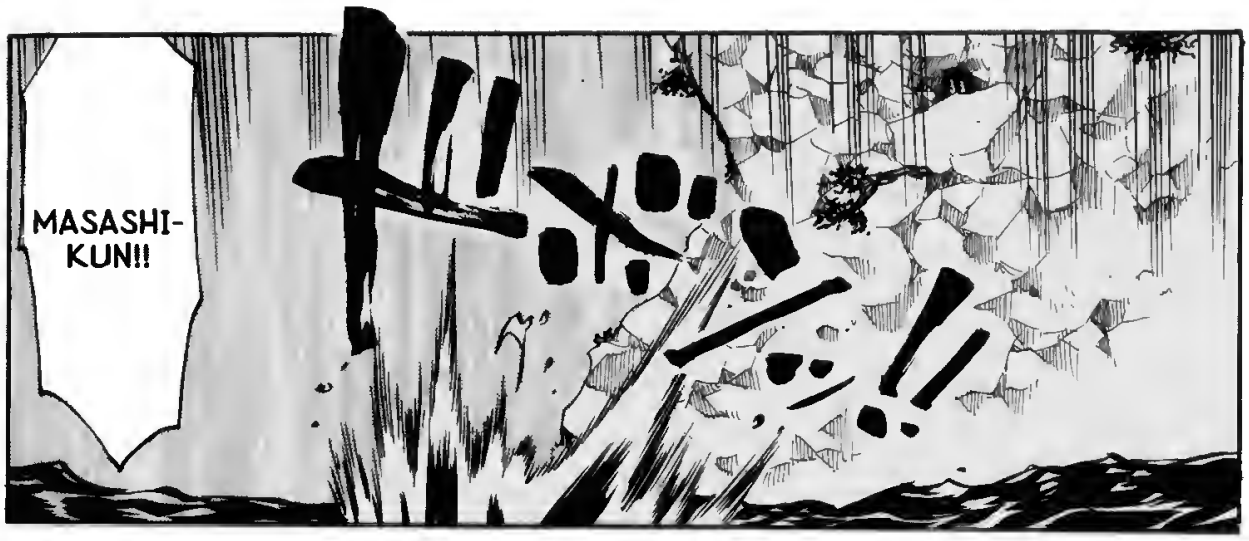
SAMURAI...
YOICHI-SAN...
I HAVE DIS-COVERED WHAT LOOKS TO BE A LARGE HOLE--
AH!
KARASUMA!
ANGIE-DONO! TSUBASA-DONO!
KARASUMA, MY APOLOGIES! THE RAIN-SLICKED BARK OF THE TREE FOULED MY FOOTING...
LET'S INVESTI-GATE THIS "HOLE."
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT, TRAMP!
Did I wound your nose so severely ...?
SNERK

BUT ...
...UM, I THINK WE'RE GOIN' IN CIRCLES.
.....
WHOA, WHO KNEW THERE WAS A BIG OL' CAVE BACK HERE?
S-SORRY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
.....
WAAH...
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
ACK!
DON'T CRY!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT HOME FINE!
I'M S-SORRY...
I'M SO SORRY...
.....
WHEN WE GET BACK TO THE BEACH...
I PROMISE I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO SWIM. NOBODY'LL EVER MAKE FUN OF YOU AGAIN.
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG. I NEED TO SAY SORRY TO YOU.
HUH?

EAR-
LIER...
...I SAID
MEAN
STUFF
TO YOU.
I'M
SORRY.
...
THE
WAY
OUT!!
UM,
MASASHI-
KUN?
I-IT'S
NOT
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINK-
ING.
I--
AHA!

!!
YAHOO! WE'RE SAVED!
WOOSH
WAUGH!!
A CLIFF?!
.....

HANG ON. I'LL FIND --
I SAID, I'M FINE!!
OWW! MY WRIST, OWW!
OW!!
MASASHI-KUN...!
I'M FINE! I'M NO WUSS!
I GO TO YOUR DOJO, REMEMBER?
KAGOME-DONO! MASASHI-DONO!
!!
GUYS!
AH...!
NNH!


MASASHI-KUN!!

I SHALL SAVE YOU!
YOICHI-SAN!

OH NO, WHAT NOW?!

WAIT. HOW'S HE GOING TO SAVE ANYONE IF HE CAN'T SWIM?!

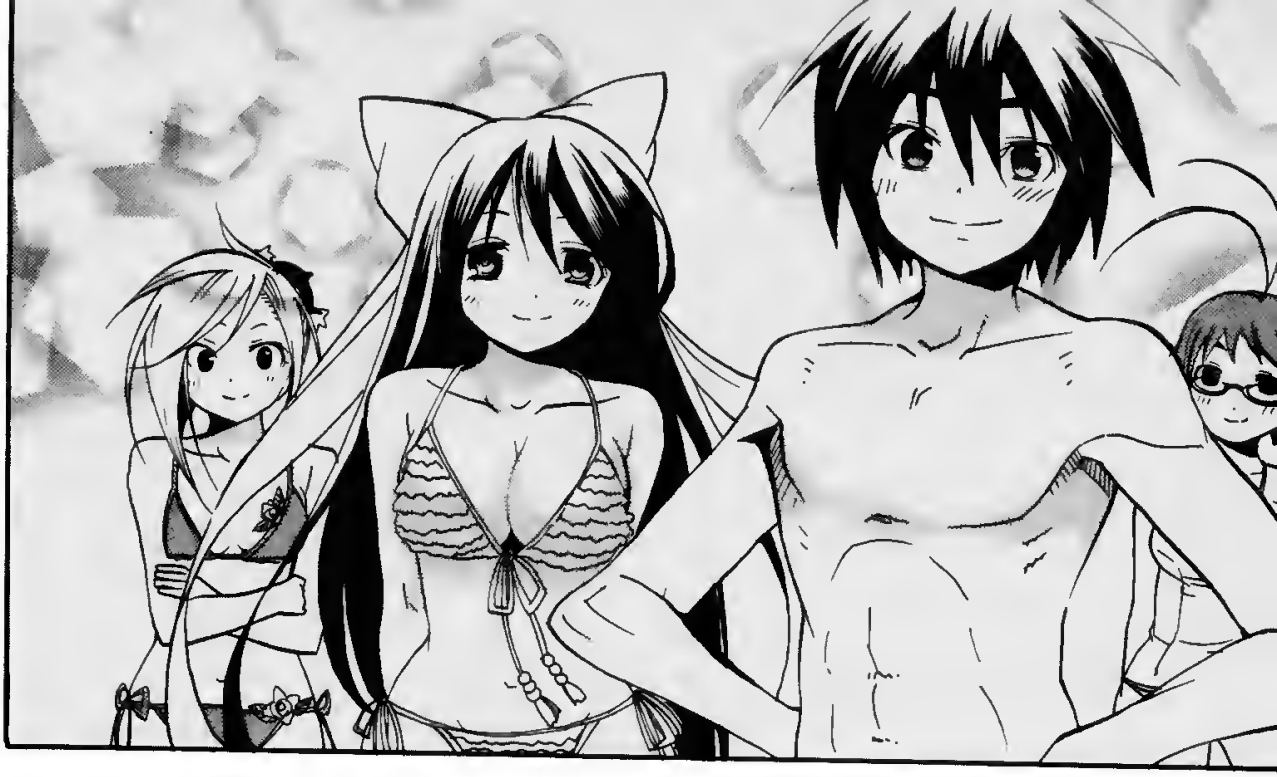
HOW BRAVE OF HIM, TO DIVE INTO THE WATER FROM ALL THE WAY UP HERE...
...EVEN THOUGH HE CAN'T SWIM!!

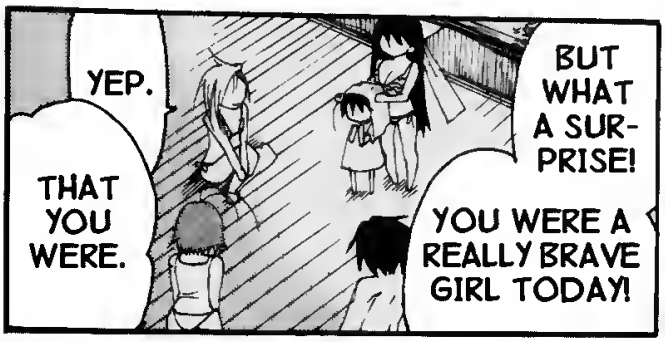
BLRB GLARGL BLRBL
H-HELP ME!

HE GOT HURT FOR ME.
KAGOME?!
MASASHI-KUN CAME OUT INTO THE SCARY FOREST TO FIND ME.
...TO SAVE HIM!
IT'S MY TURN...
MASASHI-KUN!!
WOOSH
KAGOME!
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?!
KAGOME!!

PWUH!!
ARE YOU GUYS BOTH OKAY?!
KAGOME…
YOU'RE SWIM-MING!
……
HUH?

ARE YOU BOTH OKAY?
MASASHI-KUN!
KAGOME-CHAN!
LOOK!
THEY'RE BACK!
KAGOME...
!
THANKS FOR, UH, SAVING ME.
SORRY I SAID YOU'RE BAD AT EVERY-THING. YOU'RE NOT.
I KNOW BETTER NOW.
THANK YOU!
YOU SAVED ME, TOO.
HA HA! MASASHI AND KAGOME, SITTING IN A TREE!
QUIET!!




YEP.
THAT YOU WERE.
BUT WHAT A SURPRISE!
YOU WERE A REALLY BRAVE GIRL TODAY!

SORRY...
SHEESH. WE WERE REALLY WORRIED, YOU KNOW.

...AND A CLEVER SISTER LIKE CHIHAYA-DONO...
...A KIND SISTER LIKE AYAME-DONO...
WITH A RESPONSIBLE SISTER LIKE IBUKI-DONO...
OF COURSE SHE WAS!

...IS IT ANY WONDER THAT SHE IS A BRAVE AND RESOURCE-FUL YOUNG LADY?
HOW COULD SHE NOT BE, WITH SUCH MAGNIFICENT ROLE MODELS TO LEARN FROM?
KAGOME-DONO, YOU HAVE MY MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR SAVING MY LIFE EARLIER TODAY.
OKAY, KAGOME. LET'S GET YOU OUT OF THAT WET SHIRT.
HUH?
I-I'M FINE WITH IT ON...
YOU'LL GET SICK. OFF WITH IT.
N-NO... DON'T PULL!
RIP
STOP!!

HN?
ARE THESE ...?

Bindings
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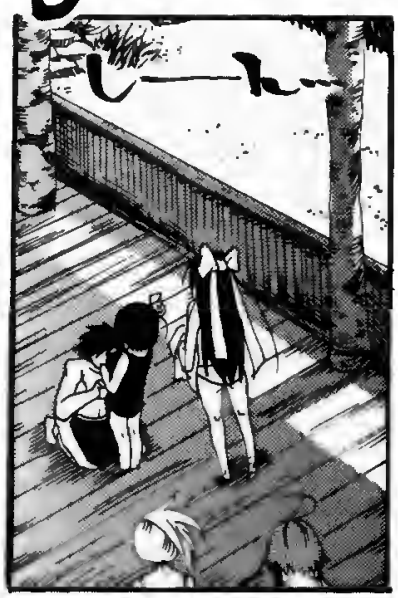
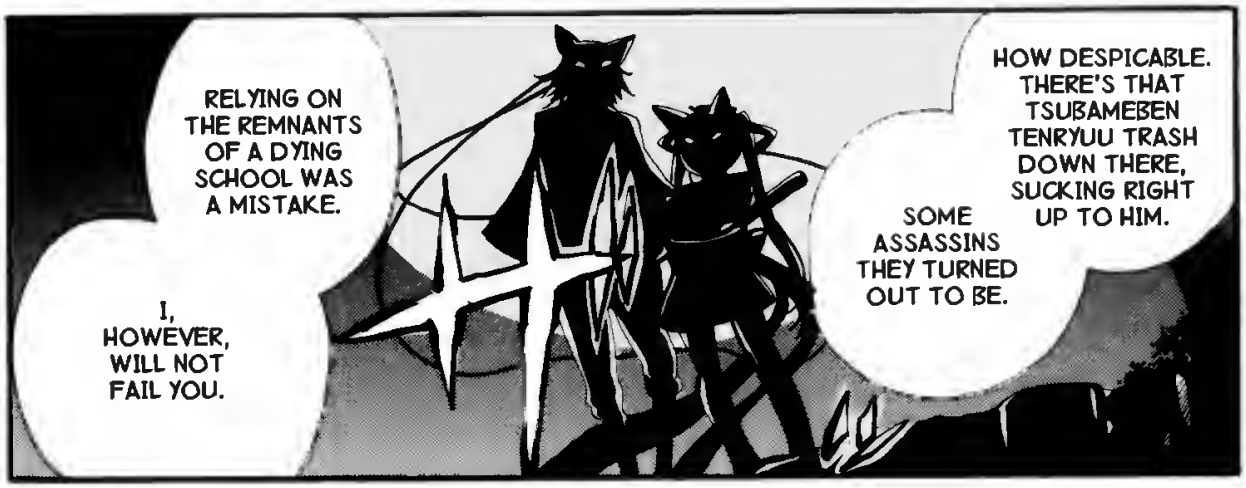
SNERK



KAGOME...!
YOUR CHEST ...!
I...
AH...
SWIMSUIT: CLASS 4-1; IKARUGA
WAAH!!
WE USED TO BE THE SAME SIZE!!
This is so funny...
DON'T TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE ACTUALLY SCARED OF ALL THIS TIME WAS PEOPLE SEEING YOUR CHEST?
KAGOME...
WAAH!!! I WISH MINE WERE AS SMALL AS AYAME'S!!

SO KAGOME-DONO CHOSE TO CONTINUE BINDING, I SEE.
THOUGH SHE NEED NOT BOTHER WITH THE DECEPTION, AS FINE AS HER FIGURE IS.
I TOLD HER THE SAME THING.
BUT IT SEEMS SHE'S TOO SHY TO SHARE HERSELF WITH EVERYBODY JUST YET.
HN.
WOMEN ARE SUCH STRANGE CREATURES.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE SO EMBARRASSING ABOUT SO LOVELY A BUST?
WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THAT GUTTER MIND OF YOURS?!
LAY ONE FINGER ON MY BABY SISTER, AND YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET IT!!
GYAA!!
I-IBUKI-DONO! YOU MUSTN'T POINT FIRE-WORKS AT PEOPLE!!
AH!
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
GRR

GOOD, KARASUMA. ENJOY YOUR FINAL NIGHT AMONG THE LIVING.
HEH HEH...
Yeeek!!
Come back here!


RELYING ON THE REMNANTS OF A DYING SCHOOL WAS A MISTAKE.
I, HOWEVER, WILL NOT FAIL YOU.
HOW DESPICABLE. THERE'S THAT TSUBAMEBEN TENRYUU TRASH DOWN THERE, SUCKING RIGHT UP TO HIM.
SOME ASSASSINS THEY TURNED OUT TO BE.

...WE HAVE BOUGHT THIS ENTIRE ISLAND SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF KILLING YOU!
YOICHI KARASUMA, LITTLE DO YOU KNOW...

I EXPECT NOTHING LESS THAN TOTAL SUCCESS.
YOU ARE MY LITTLE SISTER, AFTER ALL.

LAUGH NOW, WHILE YOU CAN.
FOR WHERE YOU STAND NOW SHALL TOMORROW BE YOUR GRAVE!

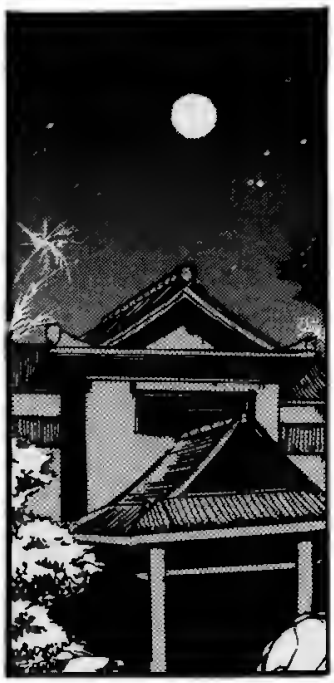
YOU GO WITH YOUR BAD SELF, WA-SAN!!
I'LL BE THERE BEFORE YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK, IKARUGA-SAN!
weirdo alert!

!!
GRAWR
KAGOME! IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA HIDE 'EM, GIVE 'EM TO ME!!

IT HAS BEEN SO LONG ...
FAR TOO LONG, KARASUMA.
BUT NOW YOUR FATE HAS CAUGHT UP TO YOU!
I, UKYO SAGINOMIYA ...
...SHALL NOT LET YOU STEAL AWAY WHAT IS RIGHT-FULLY MINE!
FWISH

TENTH BLADE: "LOVE" AND "LEWD" BOTH START WITH "L"

AND WHAT A SPREAD!
OH MY GAWD! LOOK AT HOW GINOR-MOUS THIS PLACE IS!



PROLLY CAUGHT ON THE ISLAND.
MM! THE SASHIMI IS EXCEL-LENT!
's good.
DIG IN, EVERY-ONE! ♡
WE'RE FLATTERED TO ENJOY SO WON-DERFUL AN INN BY OUR-SELVES!
VERY MUCH SO!
YOU SAID IT!
YES, MA'AM!
IS THE MEAL TO YOUR LIKING?

ESPECIALLY ONE WITH SUCH A MARVELOUS HOT SPRING!
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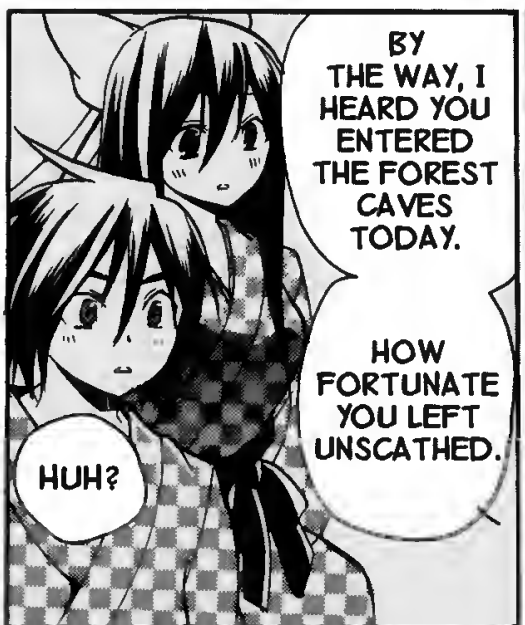
BY THE WAY, I HEARD YOU ENTERED THE FOREST CAVES TODAY.
HOW FORTUNATE YOU LEFT UNSCATHED.
HUH?

IT PLEASES ME THAT YOU ARE SO SATISFIED.

THAT SOAK FELT SO GOOD! THE SPRINGS WERE EXCELLENT! ♡
YEAH! ♡
Squee! Squee!

IT IS SAID THAT, LONG AGO, THOSE CAVES SERVED AS A JAIL FOR ALL MANNER OF CRIMINALS. ONCE IMPRISONED, THEY NEVER CAME BACK OUT ALIVE.
DEPRIVED OF BOTH FOOD AND WATER, THEY WERE CONDEMNED TO A SLOW DEATH OF STARVATION. IT IS SAID THAT THEIR VENGEFUL SPIRITS MALICIOUSLY HAUNT THE CAVES TO THIS DAY.
……?!
OH, COME NOW! IT'S MERELY A LEGEND.
PLEASE, DON'T LOOK SO FRIGHT-ENED...!
MMM! THAT WAS GOOD!
I HAD NO NOTION THOSE CAVES WERE SUCH AN ILL-OMENED PLACE.
AYAME, YOU OKAY?
YEAH. BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THEY WERE KIND OF CREEPY...
blrb blrb
!
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I'M SORRY. I SAID THAT STORY WAS NOTHING BUT...
...GHOSTS REALLY DO HAUNT THOSE CAVES.
OH!
IS SOMETHING AMISS?
PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER USED TO VACATION HERE, BUT NOW IT IS EMPTY AND LONELY.
WORD GOT AROUND, AND NO ONE COMES TO OUR ISLAND ANY MORE.
EVERY NOW AND AGAIN, THEY DRIFT OUT OF THE CAVES AND TERRORIZE THE GUESTS HERE.
.....!
LEAVE THOSE EVIL SPIRITS TO ME!
MA'AM...
IT'S JUST BEEN SO LONG SINCE ANY GUESTS HAVE COME...
AH! I'M SORRY. I'VE LET MY TONGUE WANDER AGAIN.

CONSIDER IT PAYMENT FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY.
.....!
ON MY HONOR, I SHALL DESTROY THOSE EVIL, MEDDLING GHOSTS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
NOT THAT I REALLY BELIEVE IN GHOSTS, BUT...
HEY, I'M THE RESPONSIBLE ONE ON THIS TRIP. I'LL JOIN YOU.
IBUKI-DONO ...!
MY...! WOULD YOU...?!
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THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
NO, NO. THIS IS ALL PART OF MY TRAINING.
ペコペコ
WHAT'S THIS NOW...?
SNERK

SMIRK
UH... SURE.
WE SHALL LEAVE AT ONCE!
Kikyo Flower Room
WHAT?!
THEY'RE GOING BACK TO THOSE CAVES ON A MERCY MISSION?!
SURE YOU DON'T WANNA GO AFTER THEM?
THERE YOU GO AGAIN.
LIKE I GIVE A DAMN WHAT THOSE TWO GO OFF AND DO.
Hmph!
YEP. SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES.
Zz
SO YOU'RE SCARED, THEN.
LIKE HELL!! PLAYING HERO IS SO TOTALLY JUVENILE!

HUH?
More specifically, to grab Yoit-san.
THIS DARE IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY JUST SITTING THERE WAITING FOR YOU TO GRAB IT!
STILL, THINK FOR A SECOND.
FOLLOW YOUR HEART, AYAME! IT'S ALL ABOUT CARPE DIEM!
BE TRUE TO YOUR-SELF, AND DON'T LET THIS CHANCE GO TO WASTE!
OH!
BEING "SCARED" IS A GREAT EXCUSE TO CLUTCH HIS HAND, TO HOLD ON TO HIM AND MAYBE EVEN MORE...!
.....?
DON'T WANT TO MISS MY CHANCE TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE WRESTLING MATCH THAT'S BOUND TO BREAK OUT OVER YOIT-SAN...
NOW TO GO ENJOY MY SHOW.
Better get changed first, though!
SNERK
TOO EASY.

WHAZZIS...? FEEL... SO... SLEEEPY...
HUNH ...?
Sakura Flower Room
OOH, ANGIE, LOOK AT THIS!
ISN'T IT JUST SO CUTE?!
I KNOW! ISN'T IT SO WONDERFUL THEY PUT BURNERS IN EACH ROOM? ♡
SOME INCENSE IS KNOWN TO PROMOTE PLEASANT DREAMING.

ONE IN EACH ROOM, HMM?
THEN IS KARASUMA CURRENTLY ENJOYING THIS LOVELY FRAGRANCE AS WELL...?
WHUMP
Gasp!
!!
TSUBASA-SAMA!
blink
.....
WAIT! WHY AM I THINKING OF HIM?!
HEE HEE...
FEEL SO... FLOATY...
...'S NIIICE...
IS THERE SOMETHING IN THE INCENSE...?!
?!
YOU! HAG, YOU DID THIS--
!
DO YOU LIKE OUR SPECIAL INCENSE BLEND, MISS?
?!

WELL?
IT HAS A VERY POWERFUL SOPORIFIC EFFECT, DOES IT NOT...?
!!
WHAT THE--!
CALLING YOUR EMPLOY-ER A HAG, HMM?
WHEN DID YOU BECOME SO HIGH AND MIGHTY...?
NGH!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE AN OUNCE OF GUARD UP.
HOW PATHE-TIC.

TELL ME, WERE YOU SO EXCITED FOR YOUR LOVEY-DOVEY VACATION...
...THAT YOU COMPLETELY FORGOT TO PACK YOUR WARRIOR INSTINCTS?
ANGELA TAKATSUKASA?
NO WON-DER YOU FAILED.
YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR OWN SCHOOL--I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU COULDN'T HELP ME.
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.....!

THIS INCENSE IS A SAGINO-MIYA FAMILY SECRET.
INHALE ENOUGH OF IT, AND YOU WILL NOT AWAKEN UNTIL MORNING.
...WE'VE TAKEN MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS.
HMPH. THANKS TO YOUR INCOM-PETENCE ...
WITH YOU OUT OF THE WAY...
...WE CAN RID OURSELVES OF KARASUMA AT OUR LEISURE.
OR RATHER ...
"TO TSUBASA-DONO"...?
!
NO! STOP!!
KARASUMA MEANS MUCH TO TSUBASA-DONO--!
.....!
...MEANS A LOT TO YOU. HEH HEH HEH.

NOTE: A PLAY ON NAMES. ANGELA'S LAST NAME STARTS WITH THE CHARACTER *TAKA*, WHICH MEANS "HAWK." THE *KARASU* OF KARASUMA MEANS "CROW."

DON'T LET THEM BEAT YOU...
...KARA-SUMA!

AWW! YOU'RE THE BEST, MY DEAR SAKON!
WELL, OF COURSE! YOU'RE A DUNCE AT MIXING INCENSE, SO YOU NEED YOUR SISTER TO MIX IT FOR YOU!
SILLY, SILLY UKYO! WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT ME? ♡

WHAT MAGNIFICENT INCENSE.
YOU ALWAYS DO SUCH EXCELLENT WORK, MY SISTER.
IF I HADN'T TAKEN AN ANTIDOTE AHEAD OF TIME, EVEN I WOULD BE LOST IN DREAMLAND WITH ONE SNIFF.

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HEH HEH HEH…

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SOON...
...WE SHALL MEET ONCE AGAIN...
...IBUKI-SAN!
I'M IBUKI IKARUGA.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
WELCOME SAGINOMIYA-DONO, MASTER OF THE SAGINOMIYA SOUTENRYU SCHOOL.
MY FATHER ONCE TOOK ME ON A TRAINING EXCURSION AROUND JAPAN.
WE STOPPED AT THE IKARUGA DOJO, WHERE I MET YOU.
I'M ...
...UKYO SAGINO-MIYA.
W-WOW, SHE'S CUTE!
BDMP BDMP

...AND EVEN HUGGED.
WE PLAYED TAG AND RACED.
THOSE DAYS WERE AMONG THE HAPPIEST OF MY LIFE.
SOME-TIMES WE HELD HANDS...
IT WAS, AS THEY SAY, "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT."
AND IT SEEMED THE ATTRAC-TION WAS MUTUAL.
YOU BE NICE TO YOUR NEW FRIEND, IBUKI.
YOU TOO, UKYO.
IBUKI-SAN IS SO CUTE! SHE'S THE BEST! WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GOING TO MARRY HER!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY THESE SEVERAL DAYS.
NO, NO. IT WAS AN HONOR AND PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU AS GUESTS.
WELL THEN ...
BEFORE YOU LEAVE, LET US HAVE THE CHILDREN SPAR.
THIS MATCH WILL BE ONE THEY CAN ENGRAVE UPON THEIR MEMORIES!
Fight!!

SOON AS YOU'RE READY!
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO DEFEAT HER AND SHOW HER HOW STRONG AND MANLY I AM!
HMM. YOU HAVE TRAINED YOUR DAUGHTER WELL, IKARUGA-DONO.
IBUKI! BE PROPER! BOW AND THANK HIM!
YAY! I WIN!
IBUKI-SAN...!
THIS HAS TO CHANGE!
NO...!
MY FUTURE WIFE CAN'T BE STRONGER THAN ME!

THEN, DO YOU THINK...
...WE COULD SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?
START-ING RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO TRAIN HARDER!
I'M GOING TO TRAIN MY HARDEST SO I CAN GROW UP TO BE REALLY STRONG!
AND ON THAT DAY...
...WE CAN BE MARRIED!
I'LL BE WAITING...
YES...!

THEN, EVENTUALLY...
...I TRAINED AS HARD AS I COULD, LEARNING THE SECRET TECHNIQUES OF SAGINOMIYA SOUTENRYU.
AFTER IBUKI-SAN AND I PARTED...
...AND BEGAN WATCHING OVER YOU QUIETLY FROM THE SHADOWS.
...I INHERITED THE VAST FORTUNE OF THE SAGINOMIYA FAMILY...
"SHADOWS"
HM...?
huff
huff
Stalker.
OOH! YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL TODAY AS EVER, IBUKI-SAN ♡

NOTE: THE *SAGI* IN SAGINOMIYA MEANS "HERON."

NOT ONLY ARE YOU A STALKER, BUT YOU'RE TOTALLY MOTIVATED BY SPITE!
SUCH SKEEVY SKETCHINESS IS SO LIKE YOU, MY BROTHER!
I WILL NOT LET THE LIKES OF YOU STEAL MY IBUKI-SAN!!
PREPARE YOURSELF, KARASUMA!
So cool!!

YIKES. IT DOES LOOK CREEPIER NOW THAN IT DID DURING THE DAY...
INDEED...
BUT WE MUSTN'T HESITATE. WE DO THIS NOT FOR OUR SAKE, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THAT POOR LADY.
DO NOT WORRY. ON MY HONOR, I SHALL PROTECT YOU, IBUKI-DONO!
LET US GO--
kLik
YOICHI-SAN...

?!!
WAAH!!
EEK!!
CRUMBL
CRUMBL
twitch
twitch
.....
!!?

OW...
ARE YOU UNHARMED, IBUKI-DONO...?
OH NO...!
WE HAVE BECOME SEPARATED...!
CURSES! I DID NOT EXPECT THIS SO SOON.
WHAT A COWARDLY MOVE, YOU EVIL SPIRITS!!
SO YOU DECIDED TO SHOW YOUR-SELVES!
NOW TELL ME, GHOST, WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN IBUKI-DONO?!
RUSTLE
Hn?
!!

?!
WHA...
AYAME-DONO?!
I, UH, KINDA GOT LOST, THOUGH.
AND THIS PLACE IS PRETTY FREAKY, SO I WAS STARTIN' TO GET SCARED...
YOU, TOO, ANSWERED THE INN-KEEPER'S PLEA!
I...I GUESS...

BUT...
...NOW YOU'RE HERE.
THANK GOODNESS, HUH? CAUSE YOU, UM, MAKE ME FEEL A WHOLE LOT SAFER.
THANKS ...
HRM...? I SENSE A CHANGE IN AYAME-DONO'S BEHAVIOR... PERHAPS...
NO!
NOW IS NO TIME TO BLUSH AND FAWN OVER A LADY!
SAMURAI!
?!
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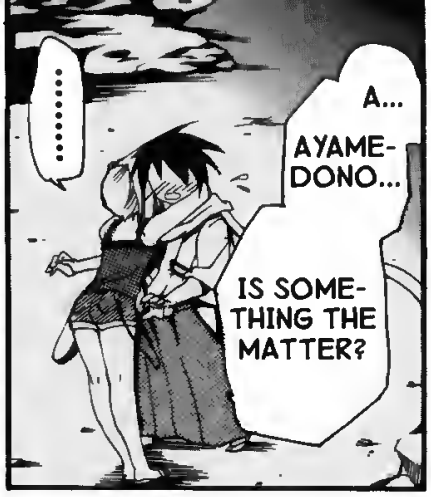

A...
AYAME-DONO...
IS SOME-THING THE MATTER?
.....

O-OH!
IBUKI-DONO!
I LOST HER IN THESE CAVES! WE SHOULD SEARCH FOR HER!

.....
AH...

FOR ONCE...
...I FINALLY HAVE YOU TO MYSELF.

I KNOW. A-AND WE SHOULD... BUT...
...EVERY TIME I LOOK, SHE'S WITH YOU.

BDMP BDMP
CAN YOU FEEL?
MY HEART ...
...IS...
...BEATING THIS FAST BECAUSE YOU'RE WITH ME!
BDMP
BDMP
!!
UM... SAMURAI?
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
AH ...
ER...

!!

A-
AYAME-
DONO!

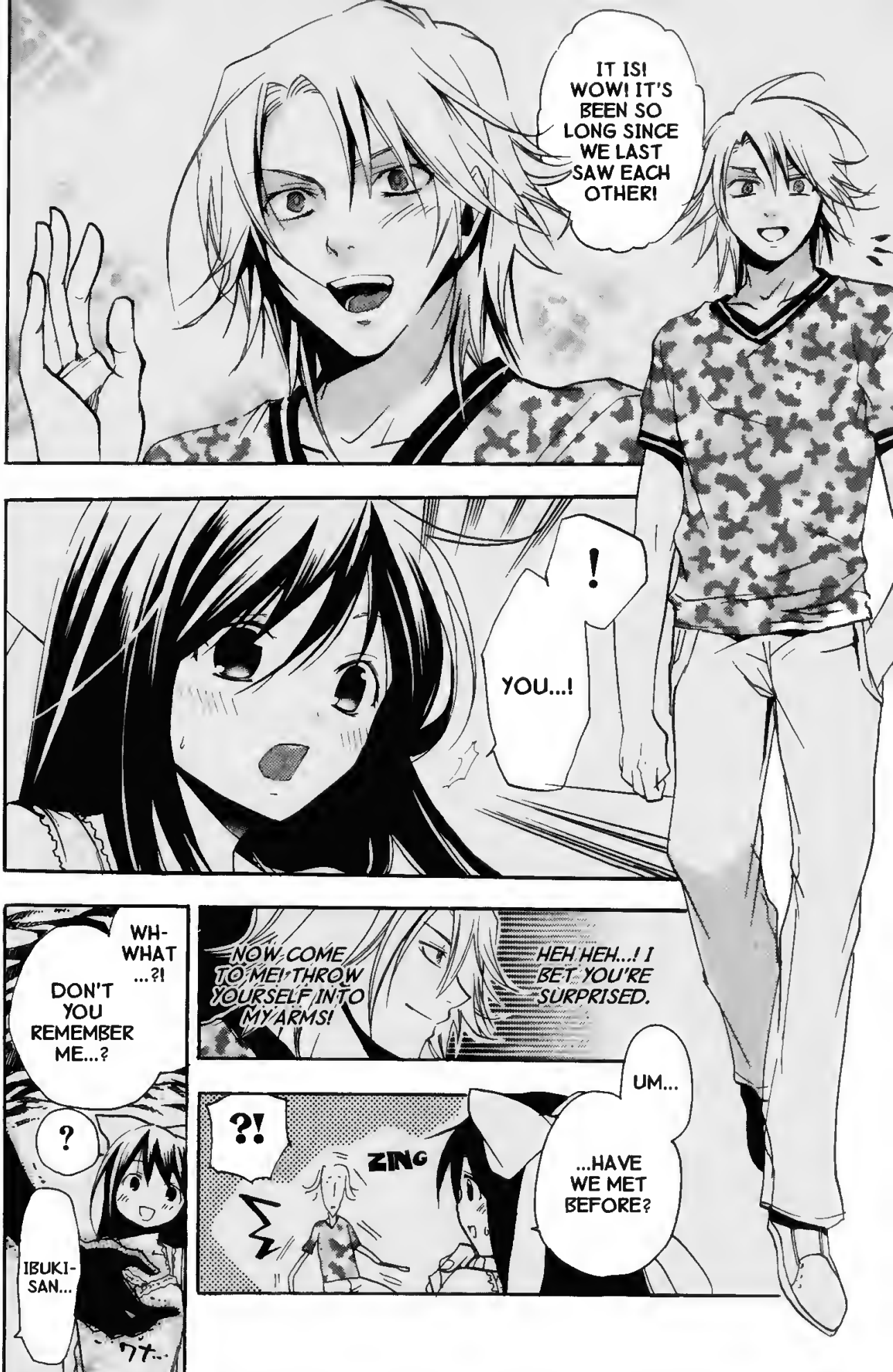
LOOK AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
LOOK AT ME, REALLY AT ME!
LOOK AT ME...?

...AND WHEN HIS GUARD DROPS FROM THE SHOCK...
...I CAN EASILY DISPATCH HIM WITH THIS.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO SHOW IBUKI IKARUGA THIS SCENE...
YOICHI-SAN, HOW COULD YOU!? UKYO-SAN, YOU'D NEVER DO THAT TO ME!
DRAMATIZATION

HEH HEH HEH. STUPID BOY.
HE'S SO DISTRACTED BY HIS RAGING HORMONES THAT HE CAN'T PIERCE MY ILLUSION.

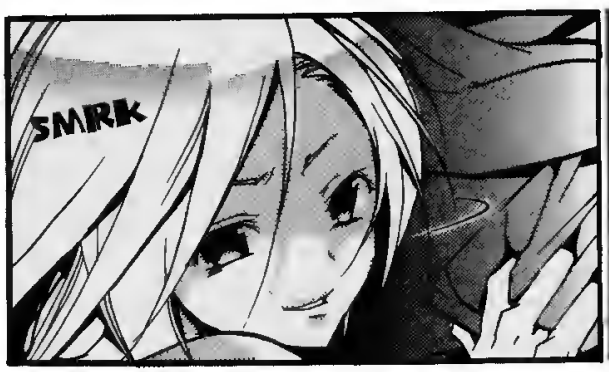
SOON, MY BROTHER! YOUR DREAM WILL BE REALIZED!
MEAN-WHILE, THE REAL AYAME...
WAAAH! I'M LOST!
Where the hell is that stupid cave?!
I NEVER SHOULDA COME OUT HERE!
NGH...
OW... THAT HURT...
HMM? WHERE...?
YOICHI-SAN...?
OH NO...! WE'VE BEEN SEPARATED!
NOW WHAT DO I DO...?
IBUKI-SAN?
IBUKI-SAN, IS THAT REALLY YOU?


IT IS! WOW! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER!
!
YOU...!
NOW COME TO ME! THROW YOURSELF INTO MY ARMS!
HEH HEH...! I BET YOU'RE SURPRISED.
UM...
...HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
?!
ZING
WH-WHAT ...?!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME...?
?
IBUKI-SAN...

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME...!
PLEASE SAY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE PROMISE WE MADE AS CHILDREN...!
THAT VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PROMISE!
NO...
NO...!
MY HAPPY, TEARFUL REUNION ...!
ZING
.....?
KARASUMA...! YOU'D GO THIS FAR TO MAKE HER YOURS?!
THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT YOU, THE MORE I HATE YOU!
COULD SHE BE SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA...?
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD FORGET SO IMPORTANT A MEMORY.
?

WHY, YES!
IS YOUR FRIEND ...
UM, ANY-WAY...
ANY-WAY?!
I SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN SEPARATED FROM MY FRIEND.
HAVE YOU SEEN ANYONE ELSE IN THESE CAVES?
...THAT GUY OVER THERE?

SAMURAI, PLEASE...
...HOLD ME TIGHTER...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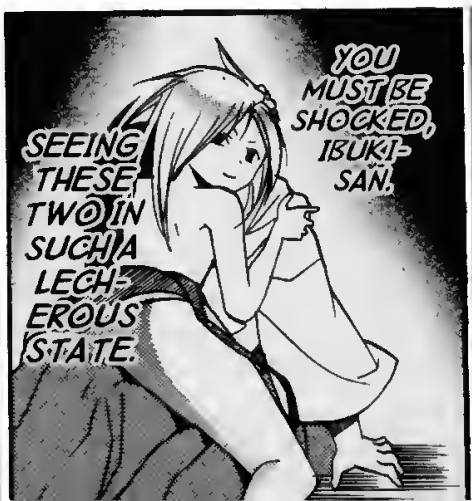
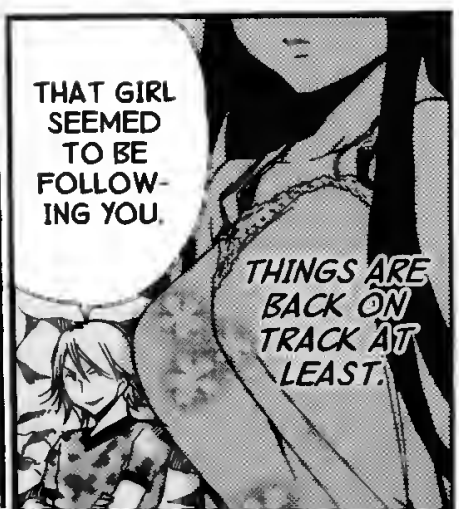
GO ON, CRY, IBUKI-SAN...
DON'T WORRY, I'M HERE TO DRY YOUR TEARS.


YOU MUST BE SHOCKED, IBUKI-SAN.
SEEING THESE TWO IN SUCH A LECH-EROUS STATE.

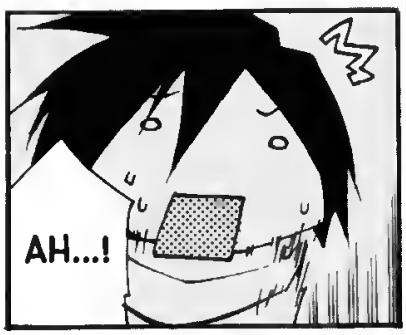

THAT GIRL SEEMED TO BE FOLLOW-ING YOU.
THINGS ARE BACK ON TRACK AT LEAST.

NOW COME, THROW YOURSELF INTO MY ARMS!
NOW, THIS IS A SURPRISE.
I DIDN'T THINK GHOSTS REALLY EXISTED.
On standby
WH-WHAT...? GHOSTS?
REALLY, IBUKI-SAN! IT LOOKS REAL TO ME!
HOW CAN YOU REMAIN SO CALM, SEEING WHAT WE'VE STUMBLED UPON THEM DOING TOGETHER?!
.....?

HOW, YOU ASK ...?
I KNOW MY SISTER.
MY AYAME WOULD NEVER ACT SO DISGRACEFULLY IN FRONT OF OTHERS.
WHA?!
!!
HA! M-MAYBE SO...
BUT WHAT ABOUT HIM?!
LOOK! HE SEEMS AWFULLY HAPPY TO HAVE HER DRAPED ALL OVER--

ENOUGH!!
CEASE YOUR VILE ATTEMPTS TO SEDUCE ME WITH AYAME-DONO'S BODY, GHOST!
SHOW YOUR TRUE FORM!
!!
SEE?
YOICHI-SAN IS NO MORE FOOLED THAN I!
AYAME-DONO IS A BASHFUL, PRUDENT YOUNG LADY! SHE WOULD NEVER FLAUNT HERSELF IN SUCH A BAWDY FASHION!
AND...
AND...!

!!!
THE TRUE AYAME-DONO...
...DOES NOT HAVE BREASTS SO AMPLE AS YOURS!!
LOOK! WE HAVE FOUND OUR FOUL, EVIL SPIRIT!
IBUKI-DONO!
!
Proud of himself
YOICHI-SAN...
Y'KNOW, YOICHI-SAN, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU...
YOU CERTAINLY DID FEEL OUT A SOLUTION.
YES, I SEE.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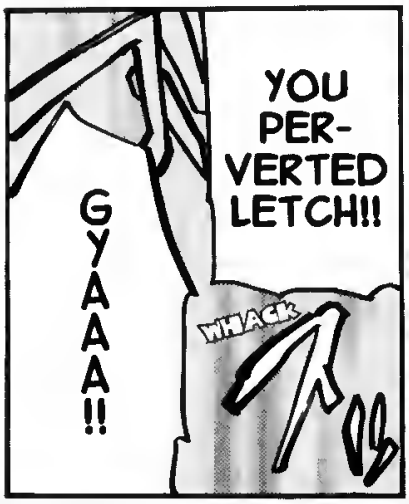
YOU PER-VERTED LETCH!!
WHACK
GYAAA!!

...BY BUST SIZE ALONE!
...TO BE ABLE TO TELL GIRLS APART...

A... THOUSAND PARDONS...
YOU ARE SUCH A JERK, YOICHI-SAN!

YOU BELIEVED MY LITTLE SISTER WOULD NEVER DO SOME-THING SO SHAMEFUL.
THANK YOU.
...YOU DID OKAY.
I MEAN ...
BUT, HEY ...

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, IBUKI-SAN?
JUST A MOMENT AGO, THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN HERE WITH ME...
!
I'M SUCH A TERRIBLE BIG SISTER...
Oh!
FOR A SECOND-- JUST ONE SECOND...
...I WAS SO SHOCKED I COULD BARELY BREATHE.
...BUT HE'S GONE.
AND THE GIRL GHOST HAS VANISHED, TOO.
Hmm...
BUT STILL...
Aww...
.....
WHEN FACED WITH YOUR RIGHTEOUS ANGER, THEIR COURAGE MUST HAVE FAILED, AND THEY FLED!
HA HA! THOSE FOUL CREATURES ATTEMPTED TO TRICK US, BUT THEY DID NOT SUCCEED!
You truly are a strong warrior, Ibuki-dono!

HIS WORDS...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOT-TEN ME...!
PLEASE SAY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE PROMISE WE MADE AS CHILDREN...!
...DIDN'T SEEM LIKE SOMETHING A GHOST WOULD SAY.
WHO COULD HE BE?
HFF
HFF

I FINALLY MADE IT...!
I'M AT THE ISLAND!
TORIGAYA, THANKS FOR STAYIN' WITH ME MOST OF THE WAY, MAN!
YOU CAN DO IT, WA-SAN!
YAAAAAAR!
I CAN BARELY WALK STRAIGHT. HELL, I CAN BARELY SEE STRAIGHT!
BUT THAT SWIM REALLY TOOK IT OUT OF ME.
HUH?
SOME-BODY'S HERE...
WAITING SO LONG, JUST FOR A PUNK LIKE ME...
YOU'RE A GOOD WOMAN, IKARUGA-SAN...
HAS SHE BEEN WAITING OUT HERE THE WHOLE TIME...?
IS THAT IKARUGA-SAN...?

...HOW MUCH MY HEART BURNS FOR YOU...
ALL SO THAT I COULD TELL YOU...
YOU'RE THE REASON I WAS ABLE TO SWIM TO THIS ISLAND.

I LOVE YOU!!
IKARUGA-SAN!!

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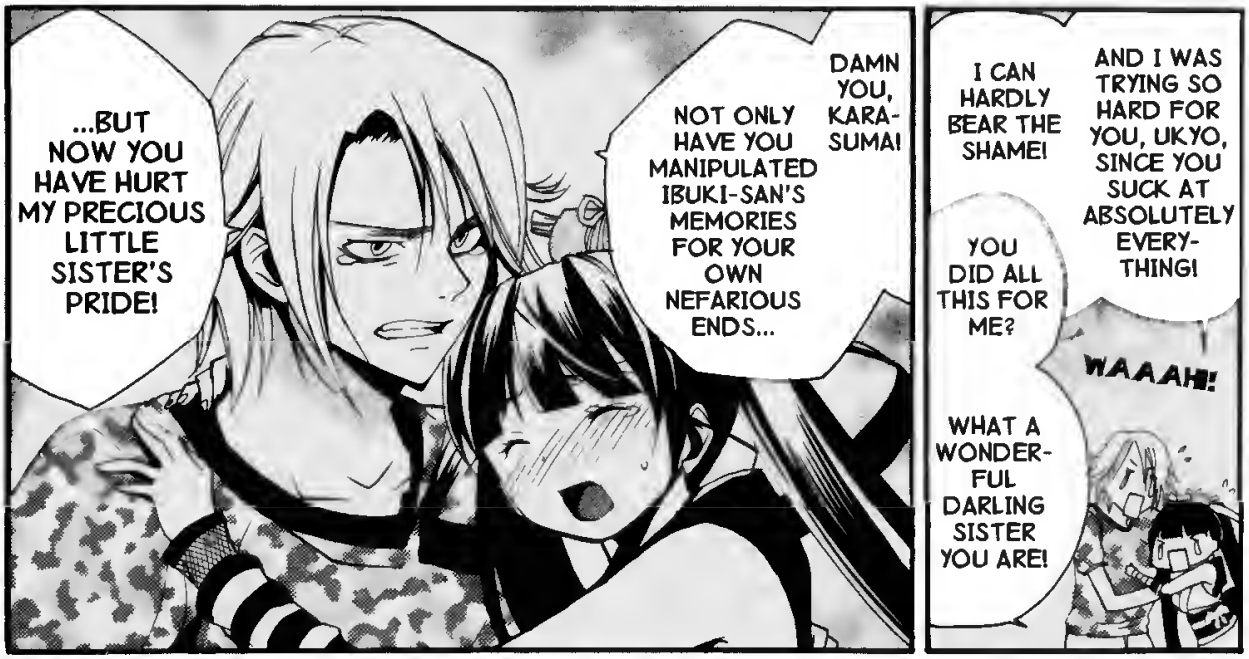
WAAAH!!
MY TRANS-FORMATION WAS PERFECT! I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY SAW THROUGH ME!
SAKON! MY PRECIOUS SAKON! IT'S OKAY-- YOU DID BEAUTIFULLY, I SWEAR!
I got caught red-boobed, as it were!


...BUT NOW YOU HAVE HURT MY PRECIOUS LITTLE SISTER'S PRIDE!
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU MANIPULATED IBUKI-SAN'S MEMORIES FOR YOUR OWN NEFARIOUS ENDS...
DAMN YOU, KARA-SUMA!
I CAN HARDLY BEAR THE SHAME!
AND I WAS TRYING SO HARD FOR YOU, UKYO, SINCE YOU SUCK AT ABSOLUTELY EVERY-THING!
YOU DID ALL THIS FOR ME?
WAAAH!
WHAT A WONDER-FUL DARLING SISTER YOU ARE!

DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!!
NEXT TIME!! NEXT TIME YOU SHALL PAY FOR THE INJUSTICES INFLICTED ON IBUKI-SAN AND MY LITTLE SISTER!
YES! THAT'S SO YOU, MY BROTHER!
SKEEVY AND PIG-HEADED!!

ELEVENTH BLADE: THE PERVERT LEAVES NOT WITH THE WIND

I LOVE YOU!!
IKARUGA-SAN!!
.....
.....
...HUH?

WAIT. THIS GIRL LOOKS LIKE IKARUGA-SAN'S LITTLE SISTER...
THAT MEANS HER LAST NAME IS ALSO "IKARUGA," DOESN'T IT...?
UHH, I THINK MAYBE...
...I JUST MADE A HUGE MISTAKE.
SHOOT! I BETTER SET HER STRAIGHT, QUICK!
UH...
LISTEN, UM...
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?!
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HE'S THAT DUMB PUNK WHO LOST TO THE SAMURAI THAT ONE TIME.
HE'S NEVER EVEN SPOKEN TO ME BEFORE ...
I'M TRYING TO TALK TO YOU!
.....
WAAAH!!
H-HEY! WAIT! COME BACK HERE!
...BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOMEONE'S CONFESSED THEIR LOVE TO ME!

ARE YOU LISTENING TO YOURSELF...?
I BELIEVE YOUR RIGHTEOUS RAGE TAUGHT THE GHOSTS THEIR LESSONS, IBUKI-DONO.
I DO NOT THINK THEY WILL WORK THEIR MISCHIEF ANY MORE.
I DO NOT KNOW IF I COULD HAVE PREVAILED ALONE. YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE!
THIS VICTORY GOES ENTIRELY TO YOU, IBUKI-DONO! I AM ETERNALLY GLAD YOU DEIGNED TO COME ALONG.
KABASUMA!
N-NOTHING...
IBUKI-DONO ...?
.....
blush

KARASUMA...
ANGELA-
DONO...
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?
PRAISE BE. YOU ARE SAFE!
TRIP
YEEP!

THIS TRAINING EXCURSION...
...WAS ALL A TRAP!
PARDON...
ARE YOU OKAY, ANGELA-SAN?
ER... YES.
KARA-SUMA ...
BUT FOR-GET THAT.
WHAT?!
THE MYS-TERIOUS MAN WHO SENT YOU TO ASSAS-SINATE ME...
...HAS ORCHES-TRATED THIS WHOLE TRIP, YOU SAY?!
YES.
I CANNOT BELIEVE I LET MY GUARD DROP SO LOW THAT I DID NOT REALIZE SOONER.
SO CARELESS WAS I TO FALL PREY TO A SLEEPING CONCOCTION, AND NOW CAN BARELY KEEP MY EYES OPEN.

I HAD THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST RICH DILET-TANTES...
THE SAGINOMIYA SIBLINGS...
...BUT IT SEEMS THEY MAY BE TOUGHER OPPONENTS THAN I HAD REALIZED!

SOUNDS FAMILIAR... WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME...?

UMM...
YOU KNOW THAT NAME, IBUKI-DONO?

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"SAGINO-MIYA"?

THEY ARE A DISGRACE TO ALL BUSHI!
YOICHI-SAN...
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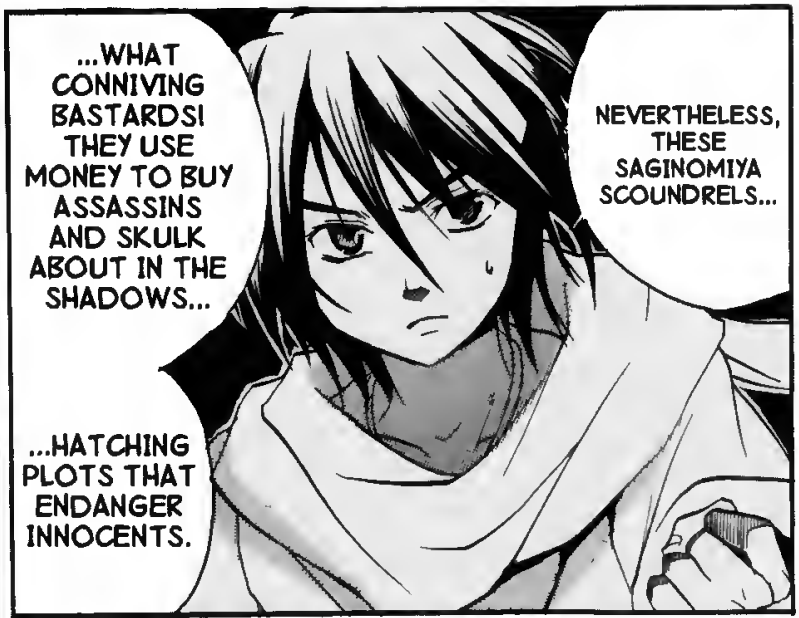
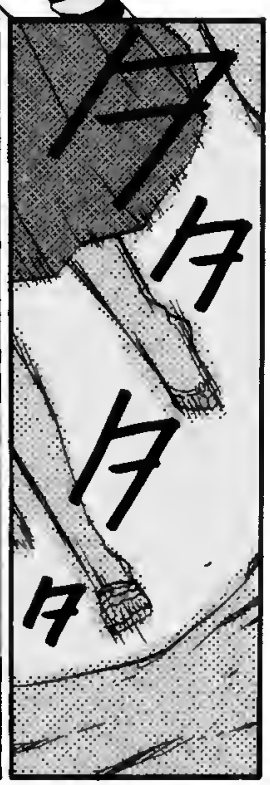

...WHAT CONNIVING BASTARDS! THEY USE MONEY TO BUY ASSASSINS AND SKULK ABOUT IN THE SHADOWS...
NEVERTHELESS, THESE SAGINOMIYA SCOUNDRELS...
...HATCHING PLOTS THAT ENDANGER INNOCENTS.

NOT ONLY THAT...

WHY?
I know what you were thinking...!
YOU GOT A NOSE-BLEED.
...BUT ONE EVEN DARED DISGUISE HERSELF AS AYAME-DONO...
...AND PERFORMED INDECENT AND SHAMEFUL ACTS!
WAIT!
IF THIS WHOLE ISLAND IS A TRAP, THEN...
...EVEN THE INN...
OH NO!
THEY'RE ALL IN DANGER!

THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE SO EASY, KARASUMA.
WE WERE JUST TESTING YOU BEFORE.
THE REAL FUN STARTS NOW, WHEN YOU SHALL DIE BEFORE SEEING YOUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS' FACES EVER AGAIN!
WE HAVE TO GET BACK THERE, NOW!

THIS TIME, YOUR FINAL MOMENTS ARE AT HAND!



KAZUMA...
ARE YOU UNHURT?
CURSES! THE INCENSE'S POISON YET COURSES THROUGH MY VEINS!
UNI...!
ER...
AH, YES.
"WERE YOU SO EXCITED FOR YOUR LOVEY-DOVEY VACATION THAT YOU COMPLETELY FORGOT TO PACK YOUR WARRIOR INSTINCTS?"
"YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR OWN SCHOOL-- I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU COULDN'T HELP ME."
.....
!!
ANGELA-DONO...?
.....

I SUGGEST YOU WORRY OVER YOUR OWN WELL-BEING INSTEAD.
DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME.

KARASUMA IS KIND.
KIND TO EVERYONE.

WHY DID THE STATE OF MY CLOTHING CONCERN ME SO?
BEFORE, NO MATTER HOW DISHEVELED OR TORN MY CLOTHING BECAME IN BATTLE, I CARED NOT.

……?

...AND IT IS MAKING ME A WEAKER WARRIOR.
I HAVE BEGUN TO LEAN ON THAT INDISCRIMINATE KINDNESS...

PLEASE, DO NOT BE SO KIND TO ME ANYMORE!

!!!

IBUKI-DONO!
ANGELA-DONO!

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KILL KARA-SUMA...
WHAT BE THESE WRETCH-ES...?!
KILL HIM...

YOICHI-SAN!!
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DAMN! I CANNOT ACT RASHLY, OR THEY MIGHT COME TO HARM!
!!
NGH!
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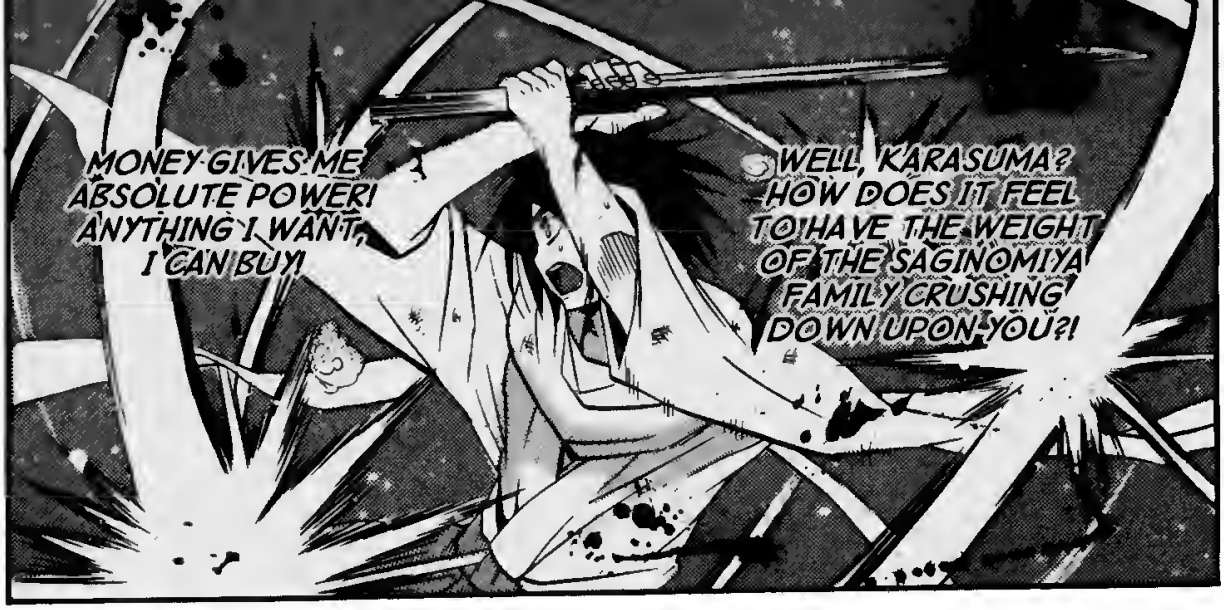
!
IT WAS AS IF I BLOCKED A BLOW FROM A BAR OF IRON...!
SUCH POWER--!!
...BUT NOT ONE LESS THAN ALL OF THESE RAPSCALLIONS...
NOT ONLY THAT...
...ARE BEHOLDEN OF A MONSTER'S STRENGTH!
IZOI...

HEH HEH...
JUST LIKE THE TSUBAMEBEN TENRYUU PAIR...
...ALL OF THEM ARE HIRED ASSASSINS.
YOICHI-SAN...
ALL HE CAN DO IS BLOCK THEIR ATTACKS!
IT IS MADNESS TO SET SUCH A HORDE AGAINST ONE MAN!
...AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED TO THINK ONLY OF OBLITERATING YOU, KARASUMA.
WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM SAKON'S INCENSE, THEIR MUSCLE STRENGTH HAS BEEN TRIPLED...
IF SHE DOESN'T ...
...THEN WE SHALL SIMPLY BRAINWASH HER WITH YOUR INCENSE.
ARE YOU CERTAIN SHE WILL STILL FALL FOR YOU AFTER THIS?
I'M SUR-PRISED !
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACT SO RUTHLESS IN FRONT OF IBUKI IKARUGA.


MONEY GIVES ME ABSOLUTE POWER! ANYTHING I WANT, I CAN BUY!
WELL, KARASUMA? HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE THE WEIGHT OF THE SAGINOMIYA FAMILY CRUSHING DOWN UPON YOU?!

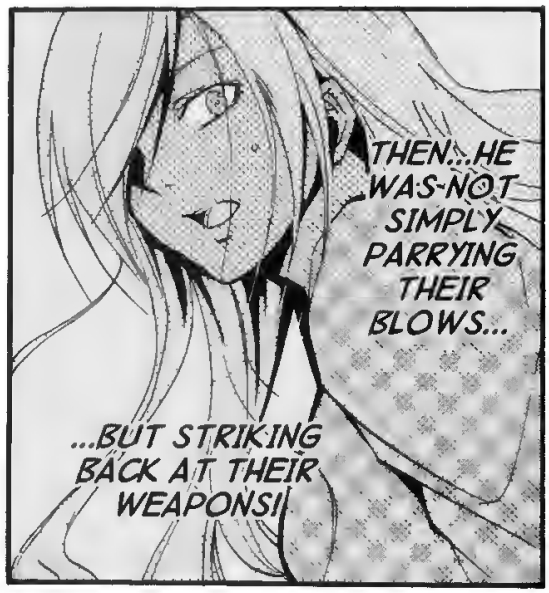
THERE'S NO REASON TO THINK IT CAN'T BUY ME THE WOMAN I LOVE!
NONE!!

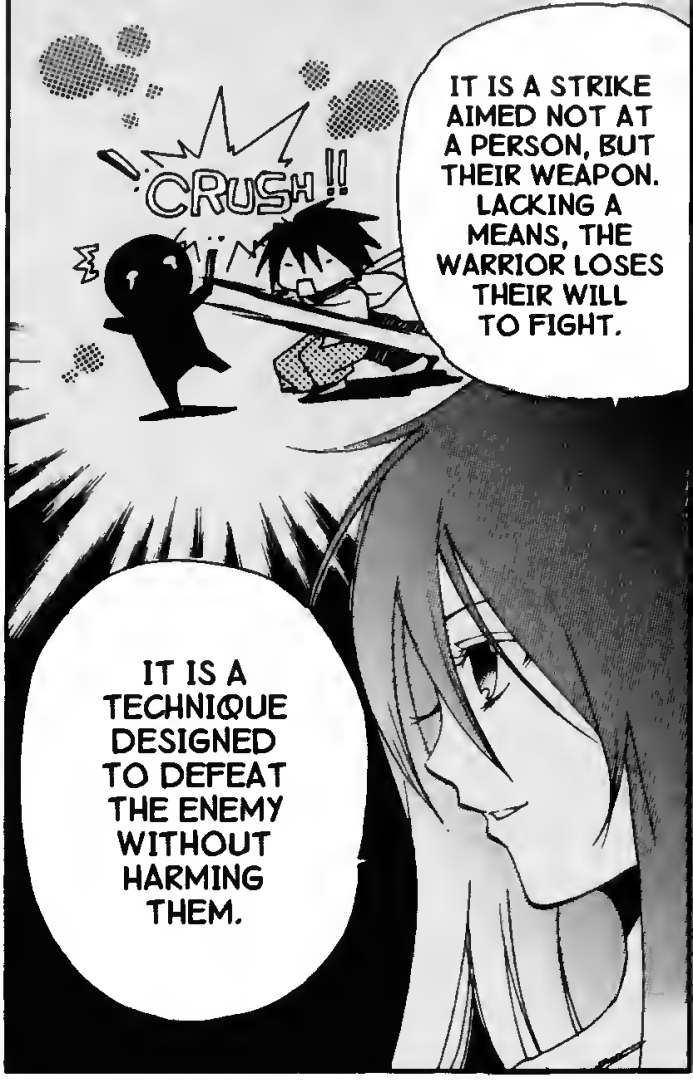
KARASUMA!

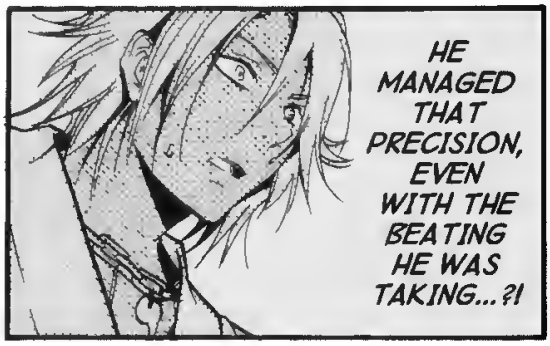
THIS TIME, VICTORY IS MINE, KARASUMA!
IBUKI-SAN BELONGS TO ME!

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
WHAT DID YOU JUST DO...
IMPOSSIBLE...
HOW COULD HE DESTROY ALL THEIR WEAPONS AT ONCE?!
?!

...KARA-
SUMA?!
UKIHA
KAMIKAZE
STYLE,
FIFTH
STRIKE...
...NAGI.
CESSATION.


THEN...HE WAS-NOT SIMPLY PARRYING THEIR BLOWS...
...BUT STRIKING BACK AT THEIR WEAPONS!


CRUSH!!
IT IS A STRIKE AIMED NOT AT A PERSON, BUT THEIR WEAPON. LACKING A MEANS, THE WARRIOR LOSES THEIR WILL TO FIGHT.
IT IS A TECHNIQUE DESIGNED TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY WITHOUT HARMING THEM.

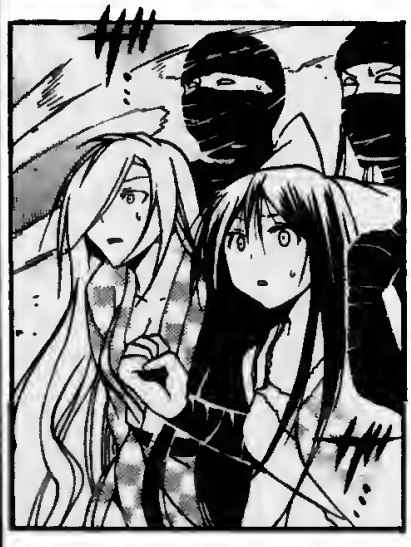

HE MANAGED THAT PRECISION, EVEN WITH THE BEATING HE WAS TAKING...?!

YOICHI-SAN!
WELL DONE...

HUH?

THEY'RE TOO SCARED TO APPROACH!
URK!
ACK!

OH MY GOD! THE AURA AROUND YOICHI-SAN IS SO INTIMIDATING!

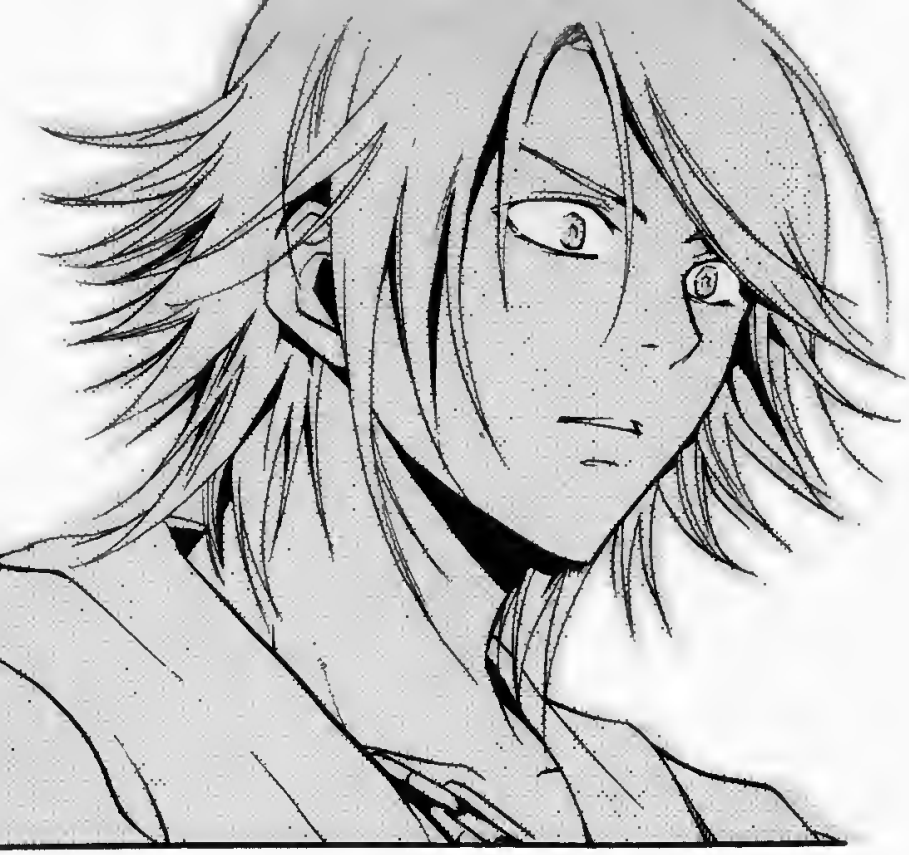


RUN!
AAAAH!!
R-RUN...!!
WHAT?! HOW DARE YOU FLEE!
WHAT COULD BE SO TERRIFYING THAT YOUR INSTINCTS BYPASS MY BRAINWASHING?!
HOW IS HE ABLE TO DO ALL THIS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....
COME BACK HERE, AND KILL KARASUMA! I ORDER YOU!!
HE LOOKS LIKE THE LOSER.
HE'S WOUNDED SO BADLY HE CAN BARELY WALK.
HE'S BEEN BEATEN, BATTERED AND SOILED.

SO HOW COME...
...HE STILL STANDS SO PROUD?!

.....
YOU TWO.
YOU ARE OF THE SAGINOMIYA FAMILY, YES?
!
OH!
THE GUY FROM THE CAVE!
COWARDS!!
HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!

WARRIORS WHO CAN BE BOUGHT ARE NOT TRUE WARRIORS!
THEY ARE SCARECROWS, WITH THE STRENGTH OF STRAW!
NO MATTER HOW MANY FEEBLE WARRIORS YOU GATHER...
...NO MATTER HOW MANY STRAW MEN YOU SEND AT ME, I WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!
IF YOU DEEM YOURSELF A TRUE BUSHI...
...THEN FIGHT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!
TAKE UP YOUR WEAPON ...
...AND SHOW ME THE POTENCY OF YOUR CONVICTION...
...THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF YOUR CRAFT!



NO... mumble
HE LEAVES US NO CHOICE. WE MUST RETURN TO THE INN AND TAKE HIS SLEEPING FRIENDS HOSTAGE--
HMPH!

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WHAT?!

WHEN DID IT START?
WHEN DID I BECOME LIKE THIS...?
UKYO...
SON...
I AM NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD.
I LEAVE EVERY-THING TO YOU.
MY FORTUNE AND MY SCHOOL-- SAGINOMIYA SOUTENRYU.
MY SCHOOL IS MY PRIDE...
...AND MY FORTUNE, THE SAVINGS I HAVE BUILT OVER A LIFETIME, FOR YOU TWO.
BOTH ARE MY LEGACY TO YOU. TAKE THEM FREELY!

PLEASE TAKE THAT PROOF OF MY EXISTENCE...
...AND USE IT TO PROTECT THE PRIDE AND HONOR OF MY SCHOOL
WHEN I WAS YOUNG...
I WANTED TO BECOME STRONGER FOR IBUKI-SAN...
...SO I WORKED MYSELF TO EXHAUSTION EVERY DAY!
...I TRAINED HARD. I TRAINED SERIOUSLY.
AT WHAT POINT...
...DID I CHANGE SO DRASTICALLY?

THESE DAYS, I HAVE BEEN RELYING ENTIRELY ON MY INHERITANCE...
-AND SAKON'S SKILLS.

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I HAVEN'T TRIED TO SOLVE ANYTHING- NOT ONE THING- BY MY OWN HANDS!
NOTHING ELSE.

...SINCE FATHER DIED!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME UKYO'S FOUGHT...
KARA-SUMA...
...IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT SO BADLY...
...THEN I SHALL GLADLY SHOW YOU MY FULL STRENGTH!

!!
SAGINOMIYA SOUTENRYU FINAL TECHNIQUE-- HIRYUU ISSEN!! "FLYING DRAGON FLASH"!!
ASTOUND-ING...!
HIS FAN CONTROLS THE WIND!
WELL, KARA-SUMA?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY ABILITIES NOW?

NOW THIS IS THE WAY BATTLES ARE MEANT TO BE FOUGHT!
DO YOU NOT AGREE, SAGINOMIYA-DONO?
Heh...
MOST ENGAGING!
HA!
LET'S SEE YOU DODGE THE WIND!
LAUGH WHILE YOU CAN, KARA-SUMA!

UKIHA KAMIKAZE STYLE, FIRST STRIKE...
HAYATE! "GALE"!

!!!
HE CAN CONTROL THE WIND, TOO?!
WHAT?! BUT...!
UKYO!

I'M NOT EVEN IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS HE IS...!
SUCH POWER!

BUT ME... I...

THE AMOUNT OF TIME HE MUST HAVE SPENT TRAINING IS STAGGERING!

I SPENT YEARS IN SPECIAL TRAINING TO MASTER "FLYING DRAGON FLASH"...
...AND HE BRUSHED ASIDE NOT ONE, BUT THREE OF THEM WITH JUST ONE SWING OF HIS BLADE!

SAGI-NOMIYA-DONO.

.....
IT SEEMS THIS MATCH IS AT AN END.

YOUR "FLYING DRAGON FLASH" MANIPULATES THE WIND LIKE "GALE," YES?
I AM AMAZED THAT YOU CAN RELEASE SO MANY SO QUICKLY.
YOU MUST HAVE UNDERGONE VERY RIGOROUS TRAINING!
YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT WARRIOR, SAGINOMIYA-DONO.
WHY DO YOU FEEL THE NEED TO RELY UPON MONEY OR MERCENARIES WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH MAGNIFICENT ABILITIES OF YOUR OWN?
.....!
UKYO.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW...
...WHY IBUKI IKARUGA HAS CHOSEN HIM.

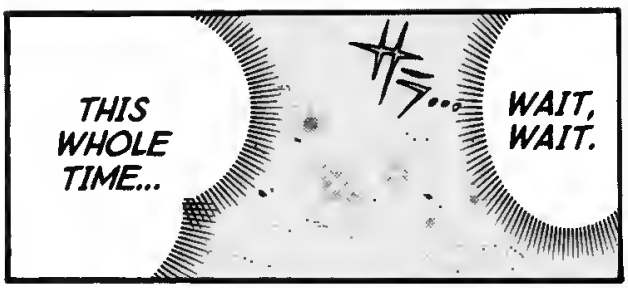
ANY RIGHT I HAD...
...TO PROTEST YOUR THEFT OF MY FIANCÉE IBUKI-SAN IS GONE.
I HAVE LOST, KARA-SUMA.
AS BOTH ...
...A WARRIOR AND A MAN.
PROTECT HER WELL!
PROTECT HER IN MY STEAD, KARA-SUMA.
.....
IBUKI-DONO, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
YOUR FIANCÉE ...?!
OH!
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU ALL STAR-ING?
...I WILL COME BACK TO DESTROY YOU AFTER I TRAIN AND BECOME STRONGER!!
OF COURSE, SHOULD ANYTHING BEFALL HER...
Yeah!
SQUEE! THAT'S SO UNLIKE YOU, UKYO! GROSS! ♡

I'M IBUKI IKARUGA.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
NOW I REMEMBER!
THE FAN-WIELDING FATHER AND SON WHO VISITED ONCE...!
WELCOME!
HOW GOOD TO HAVE THE MASTER OF THE SAGINOMIYA SOUTENRYU SCHOOL VISIT.
I'M...
...UKYO SAGINOMIYA.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, A FATHER AND SON IN TRAINING STOPPED BY OUR DOJO.
I WAS HAPPY BECAUSE I FINALLY HAD SOMEONE MY OWN AGE TO TRAIN WITH.
YOU BE NICE TO YOUR NEW FRIEND, IBUKI.
YOU TOO, UKYO.
WE DID WIND SPRINTS TOGETHER...
...AND WE EVEN PRACTICED SOME GRAPPLING, TOO!
...WORKED ON OUR UPPER-BODY STRENGTH WITH ARM-WRESTLING...
huff
huff
1
2
3

...ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE DIDN'T...
...HOLD HANDS...
...AND OCCA-SIONALLY HUG?
...PLAY TAG...
1
2
3
THAT'S RIGHT. WE HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER!
UM, PAR-DON ME...
Raising hand
.....
HUH?
.....
IBUKI! BE PROPER! BOW AND THANK HIM!
YAY! I WIN!
FINALLY, ON THE MORNING OF THE DAY THEY HAD TO LEAVE, WE WERE ALLOWED TO SPAR AS A REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR VISIT.
ZING

IBUKI-SAN!
STARTING RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO TRAIN HARDER!
I'M GOING TO TRAIN MY HARDEST SO I CAN GROW UP TO BE REALLY STRONG!
THEN, DO YOU THINK WE COULD SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?
.....!
HE WANTS TO GET STRONGER SO WE CAN SPAR AGAIN! WHAT A NOBLE GOAL...!
YES ...!
I'LL BE WAITING...
...FOR THE DAY WE CAN FIGHT EACH OTHER AGAIN!
OH MY GOSH, I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROMISE!
I'M SO SORRY!
UM, EX-CUSE ME?
Raising hand
WASN'T THE PROMISE ABOUT GETTING MARRIED, NOT SPARRING?

HUH?


THIS WHOLE TIME...
WAIT, WAIT.

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SAGINO-MIYA-DONO! WHAT IS WRONG?
HRM?
FLOP

...EVERY-THING WAS JUST...
...IN MY IMAGINA-TION...?

PULL YOURSELF TOGETH-ER, BIG BROTHER!
THUS UKYO SAGINO-MIYA WAS UTTERLY DEFEATED.

REALLY?
ALL THAT WENT ON WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING?
SO NO ROOM SERVICE THIS MORNING FOR ME...
...AND NO RESEARCH LAST NIGHT! PHOOEY!
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE! MAKING BREAKFAST TOGETHER IS A SISTERLY BONDING EXPERIENCE!
THAT RICE-BALL IS BREAK-FAST-RELATED, ISN'T IT?
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Nope, it's a bunny!
SOMETHING STILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... IF UKYO-SAN WANTED TO SPAR WITH ME, WHY DID HE GO AFTER YOICHI-SAN?
OBLIVIOUS

NO, EVERYTHING IS QUITE ALL RIGHT, TSUBASA-SAMA.
You must have had a horrible time...
ANGIE, I'M SO SORRY I SLEPT THROUGH IT!
Ow! Hot!
ON A DIFFE-RENT NOTE...
FOR THE SAKE OF MY WARRIOR SPIRIT!
NO! IT IS BETTER THAT HE DESPISE ME.
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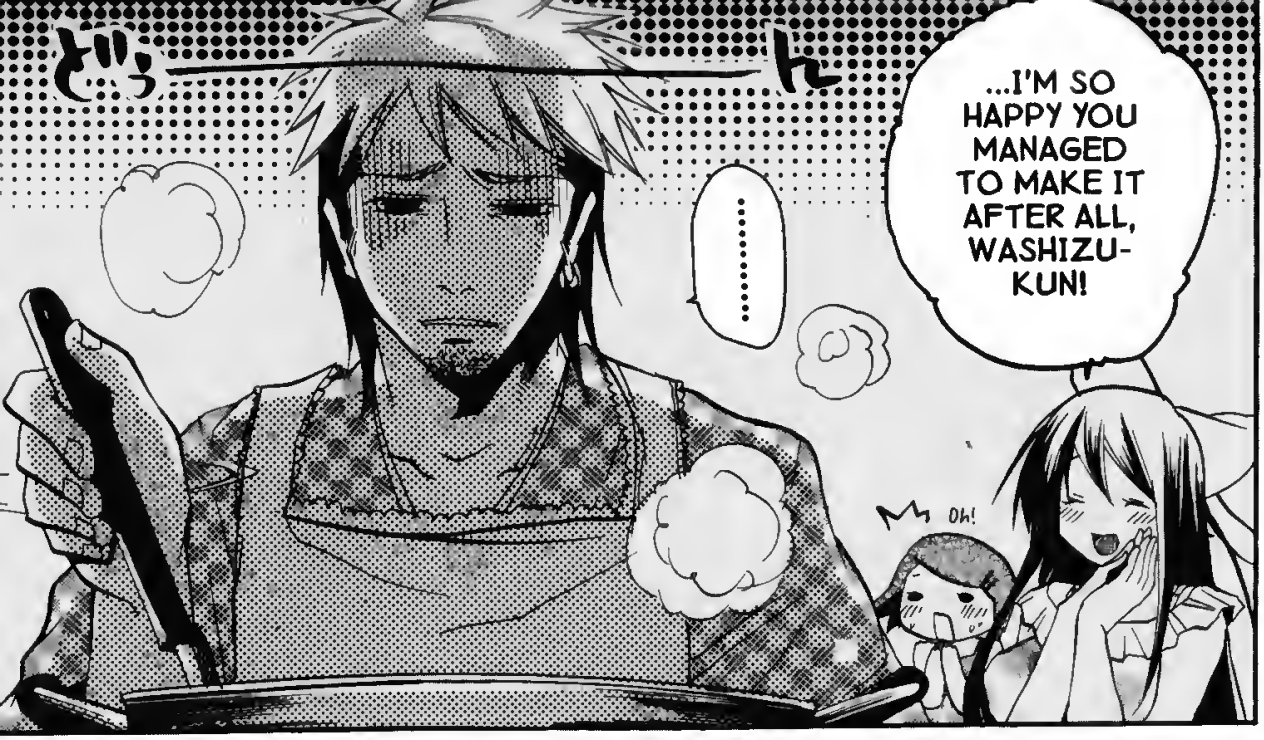
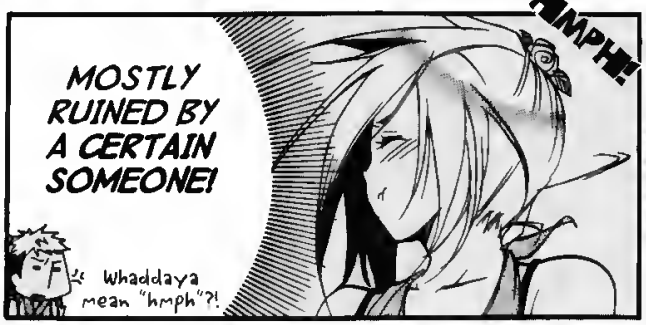

...I'M SO HAPPY YOU MANAGED TO MAKE IT AFTER ALL, WASHIZU-KUN!
.....
Oh!


HMPH!
MOSTLY RUINED BY A CERTAIN SOMEONE!
Whaddaya mean "hmph"?!

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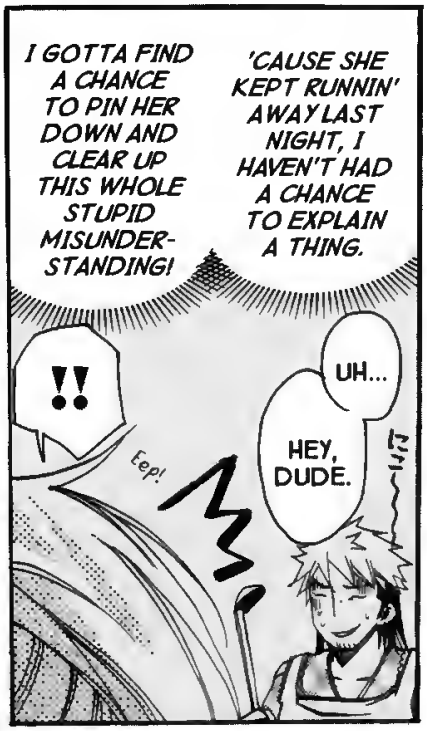
GRR
DAMMIT...! SOME VACATION WITH IKARUGA-SAN THIS IS!

SCRAM!!
YOU'RE JUST GONNA KEEP AVOIDING ME, HUH?
SHOOO SHOOO
G-GET LOST, YOU DUMB CREEP! YOU BUG ME!
GRR
N-NO! DON'T TALK TO ME WHILE THE SAMURAI'S WATCHING!
He'll get the wrong idea!


I GOTTA FIND A CHANCE TO PIN HER DOWN AND CLEAR UP THIS WHOLE STUPID MISUNDER-STANDING!
'CAUSE SHE KEPT RUNNIN' AWAY LAST NIGHT, I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN A THING.
!!
Eep!
UH...
HEY, DUDE.

GAH!
SMACK
YES! I WONDER HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN FRIENDS?
MY! THOSE TWO HAVE BECOME AMIABLE!

THE SAGINOMIYA SIBLINGS HAVE SEEMINGLY TAKEN THEIR LEAVE.
RIGHT, SO THE ISLAND SHOULD BE COMPLETELY SAFE!
SO ANYWAYS, WHAT'S THE PLAN NOW?
HMM... GOOD POINT.
WE'VE STILL GOT PLENTY OF FOOD LEFT, AND THERE'S NO HURRY...
...SO WHY DON'T WE STAY AND ENJOY OURSELVES FOR A FEW MORE DAYS?
!!
They look so cute toge-ther.
AND SO, TWO CERTAIN SOMEONES EXCLUDED, THE STUDENTS OF THE IKARUGA DOJO THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEIR ISLAND VACATION.
AND THERE WAS MUCH REJOICING.
THIS IS GOING TO BE HELL.
I WANT MY RIDICULOUSLY OVER-CONFIDENT BROTHER BAAACK!
TRA-VEL, YEAH ...
BIG BROTHER, BE NORMAL AGAIN!
NO, THERE WAS NOT!!
I'LL SEE THE WORLD ON A TRAINING TRIP...

TWELFTH BLADE: LIKE NOTHS TO A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S FESTIVAL

MMM...
WHEW! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK FROM THE BEACH AND ALL...
...BUT NO WAY I'M GETTING ANY WORK DONE WHEN IT'S THIS FLIPPIN' HOT.

STILL. THAT TRIP NETTED ME A WHOLE LOT OF NEW, AMUSING IDEAS.
YOUR BREAST-CAPADES BEING ONE...
I'M KIDDING. YOU CAN COME BACK OUT.
AREN'T YOU AFRAID YOUR CHEST BINDINGS WILL MAKE YOU OVERHEAT, KAGOME?
COME HERE, AND LET YOUR SISTER UNWRAP YOU...
HAH!
YAH!
HAH!
...OF MANY MORE!
JUST ONE THING...
YOU'RE ALL GETTING REALLY GOOD AT YOUR STRIKES! WONDERFUL!
THANK YOU, SENSEI!
OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH!

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STRIKE, YOU WANT THE HILT OF YOUR SWORD EVEN WITH YOUR BELLY-BUTTON... THERE.
WORK ON DOING THAT, AND YOU'LL GET EVEN BETTER!
GOT IT?

...AND TEACH THAT STUPID, WOMANIZING SAMURAI A LESSON OF MY OWN!
THEN I'D MASTER EVERYTHING IN NO TIME...
I LOVE YOU! ♡
Stupid Samurai
DONO...
WASHIZU-DONO!
Ah!
...like this. See?
No, no not like that...
I WISH SHE WOULD TEACH ME ALL THE SWORD BASICS, TOO...
Be careful, or I might just get angry with you! ♡
DRAMATIZATION
.....
Y-YES!
THANK YOU, SENSEI!
IKARUGA-SAN'S SO GOOD WITH KIDS! IT'S LIKE SHE WAS BORN TO BE A MOTHER.

YOU MUSTN'T ALLOW YOUR ATTENTION TO WANDER.
WERE THIS A TRUE BATTLE, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD YOUR HEAD LOPPED CLEAN OFF!
ALSO, WHEN YOU SWING THE BLADE, YOU MUST UNQUESTIONINGLY AIM THE TIP OF THE BLADE...
BLAH BLAH BLAH
BUT NOOO...
...I WIND UP WITH THIS.
YOICHI-SAN! YOU CAN'T BE SO HARD ON YOUR STUDENTS!
WHY MUST TEACHING ANOTHER BE SO DIFFICULT...?
AH! WASHIZU-DONO!
DAMMIT!!

I'M NOT GETTING ANY CLOSER TO IKARUGA-SAN THIS WAY!
I CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS.
WA-SAN...
SHIT! WHY'S THAT DUMB SAMURAI GOTTA BE MY SENSEI?
TAGGED ALONG
HEY, WA-SAN. YOU COOL, MAN?
I CAN DO IT!
TODAY'S THE DAY I'M GONNA TELL HER!
I GOTTA DO IT... NO. I'M GONNA DO IT!
IKARUGA-SAN!! I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WANT YOU TO BE THE ONE TO TEACH ME KENDO!!!
YEAH! LIKE THAT!
WOO! SERIOUSLY COOL, MAN!

I AM STILL NOT WORTHY ENOUGH TO TEACH ANOTHER...
WELL, CRAP ON A CRACKER.
IF YOU WANTED AYAME TO TEACH YOU, WASHIZU-KUN, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?

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YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
I SAID LISTEN!
UH, LISTEN...
!!!
HEY, YOU--
WAIT A SEC. WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T WANT ME TALKIN' TO YOU AROUND THAT GUY?
AND SHUT UP, OKAY? I DON'T WANT A USELESS PUNK LIKE YOU TALKIN' TO ME AROUND THE SAMURAI.
WE CLEAR ON THAT?
YOU AIM AT YOUR OPPONENT'S NECK AS YOU DRAW.
THAT'S THE SIXTH STRIKE, KOGARASHI. "WITHERING THE TREE."
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HUH?
...?
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?!
WHY, YOU--!!
A MILDLY-INFAMOUS PUNK

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BLUSH
NO SPEAKING! WHAT'S IT TO YOU, ANYWAY?!
WHAT, YOU WANNA FIGHT?! BRING IT ON, GIRLIE!!
WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE BOUT!
THEY'VE TRANSFORMED INTO TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE! AMAZING!
?
NYA HA HA HA...
I DIDN'T GET TO SAY ONE WORD TO HER...
COME BACK SOON, WASHIZU-KUN!
WE HAD A GOOD TIME, SENSEI!
THANKS!
DAMMIT! THE OTHER IKARUGA GIRL STILL HAS THE WRONG IDEA!
MEANWHILE, IKARUGA-SAN AND THAT STUPID SAMURAI HAVE ALL THE FUN...

HEY, WA-SAN?
I'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH SOME WAY OF GETTIN' IKARUGA-SAN TO NOTICE ME!
I'M FEELIN' SO LONELY IT'S LIKE MY HEART'S ABOUT TO RIP ITSELF OUT OF MY CHEST!
OOH, IT'S THAT PUNK WASHIZU FROM YOKKO HIGH!
LOOK AT HIM! I BET HE'S THINKING OF THE NEXT GUY HE'S GOING TO BEAT UP.
Totally scary!
Scary!
YOU THINK MAYBE THE OTHER IKARUGA GIRL'S GOT THE HOTS FOR THE SAMURAI?
WHA?!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!
WELL, Y'SEE SHE SAID TO LEAVE HER ALONE WHILE THE SAMURAI'S AROUND, RIGHT?
MAYBE THAT MEANS SHE DON'T WANT THE SAMURAI GETTIN' THE WRONG IDEA AND THINKIN' THE TWO OF YOU ARE AN ITEM.
YES. YES, IT'S ALL SO CLEAR.
YOU CAN BE PRETTY SMART SOMETIMES, TORIGAYA!

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YEEK!!
OH YEAH! THE GIANT ONE THAT'S TOO BIG TO SEE IN ONE DAY!
LOOK! THERE'S A FESTI-VAL ON SUNDAY!
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THIS IS IT...!
32nd Annual Asamigawa City Station Plaza
MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S FESTIVAL
THIS...
OH MY GOOD-NESS, HE'S PLANNING ON KILLING SOMEONE AT THE FESTIVAL!
EEP! SOMEHOW HE BECAME SCARIER!
freaky!
way freaky!
TORIGAYA, YOU'RE MY WING MAN ON THIS, GOT IT?!
I JUST GOT THE BEST IDEA EVER!!!

SUNDAY...
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元気
スーパーボール
ANY MINUTE NOW...
...I'LL UNLEASH MY AWESOME PLAN!
WASHIZU-KUN. TORIGAYA-KUN.
カラン
YOU SAID IT!
HOO-IE! THIS PLACE IS PACKED!
GUESS IT DIDN'T GET TO BE THE TOP FESTIVAL IN THE PREFECTURE FOR NOTHIN'!

I'M SO SORRY! I HOPE WE DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING LONG.
IT TOOK LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT TO GET EVERY-ONE READY.
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N-N-NO PROB! WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE TOO LONG!
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SAYS THE GUY WHO GOT HERE A WHOLE HOUR EARLY.

YOU MAKE AN EXCELLENT POINT!
NO WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO HIT BOTH!
WHAT?! AW, MAN! DON'T TELL ME THE CAKE-EATING CONTEST AND THE RAMEN TASTE-TESTING CONTEST ARE ON TOTALLY OPPOSITE SIDES OF THIS PLACE!!
PER-FECT! BOTH OF THE PESTS ARE HERE.
32nd Annual Midsummer's Night Festival Guide
NORTH GATE AREA
WEST GATE AREA
Current location
CENTER STAGE
EAST GATE AREA
SOUTH GATE AREA
THERE'S NO WAY ALL OF US ARE GONNA GET TO SEE EVERY-THING WE WANT.
YOU GUYS KNOW HOW FREAKIN' HUGE THIS THING IS, RIGHT?
SAY WHAT?!
HELL NO! WHAT IF I GET SPLIT UP FROM THE SA--
.....
Oops.
WE'LL SCOPE OUT THE BEST FOOD INDIVIDUALLY, AND BRING IT BACK TO SHARE WITH EVERYBODY ELSE. SOUND GOOD?
IF WE SPLIT INTO PAIRS, WE CAN HIT UP DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE FESTIVAL.
HERE'S AN IDEA.

HEH HEH. MY CLEVER LITTLE RUSE...
PEOPLE WHO GET THE SAME NUMBERS WILL BE A PAIR.
YOU CERTAINLY CAME PREPARED!
Wow!
COOL!
LET'S PULL NUMBERS OUT OF A BOX TO KEEP THE PAIRS FAIR.
LET'S DO IT.
APPROVED.
NOTHING! QUIT STARING, MORON!
?
Eep!
...WILL PAIR EVERYONE UP THE WAY I CHOOSE!!
EVEN TORIGAYA GETS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!
THAT WAY I GET MY DATE WITH IKARUGA-SAN.
THE OTHER IKARUGA GIRL CAN GO NUTS WITH THAT STUPID SAMURAI. THAT'LL KEEP HIM OCCUPIED.
TORIGAYA'S GONNA USE THE RIGGED BOX TO HAND OUT THE NUMBERS SO EVERYBODY "RANDOMLY" GETS PAIRED UP WITH WHO I DECIDED ON AHEAD OF TIME.
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1. Me & Ikaruga-san
2. Stupid Samurai & the Other Ikaruga Girl
3. Torigaya & the Kids
ONE, TWO...
OKAY, EVERYBODY SHOW YOUR NUMBERS AT ONCE.
MY PLAN IS FOOLPROOF!

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OH, THAT'S THE SAME AS ME!
I HAVE NUMBER NINE.
SO'RE WE. GREAT!
LOOK, I'M A THREE.
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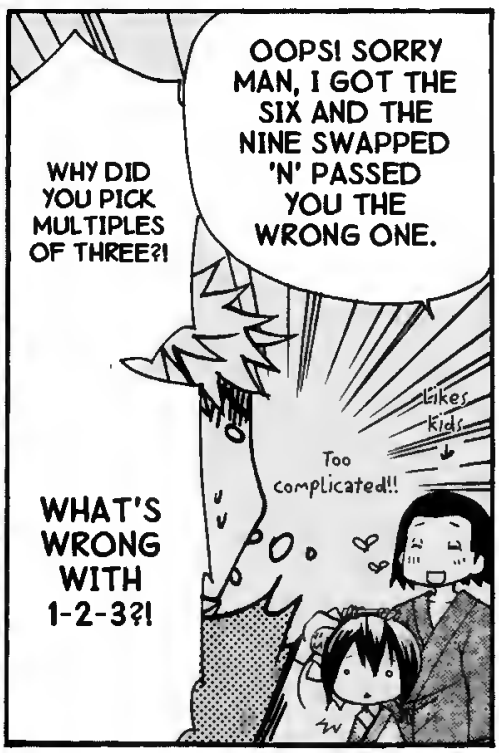
WE'D BETTER HURRY! THAT ONE PLACE ONLY STOCKED 60 PUDDING CUPS!
ACK!
WE BETTER GET GOING! LATER WA-SAN!
HUH...?
Let's go!
W-WAIT...
Take you!


OOPS! SORRY MAN, I GOT THE SIX AND THE NINE SWAPPED 'N' PASSED YOU THE WRONG ONE.
WHY DID YOU PICK MULTIPLES OF THREE?!
Likes kids
Too complicated!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH 1-2-3?!

IKARUGA-SAN SHOULDN'T HAVE WOUND UP WITH THAT SAMURAI!
WAIT!
DON'T LEAVE ME!
THIS ISN'T HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO AT ALL!!
AND NO WAY SHOULD I HAVE BEEN STUCK WITH MISS PRICKLY HERE!
!
Eep!
YOU RIGGED IT, DIDN'T YOU?
WAY TO BE A BIGGER LIAR AND COWARD THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE, YOU JERK!
I HEARD YOUR LOSER OF A LACKEY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE DRAW A SECOND AGO.
DAMMIT, THIS SUCKS!!
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HMPH!

-EAST AND SOUTH GATE AREAS-
WHAT A LIVELY PLACE!
AH! WHAT MIGHT THIS BE? AND THIS? OOH!
THE STORIES FATHER TOLD OF FESTIVALS NEVER ALLUDED TO SUCH IMMENSITY!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING SO MUCH FUN!
LIKE A KID IN A CANDY SHOP.
WATCHING HIM LIKE THIS...
...REMINDS ME OF OUR REHEARSAL DATE...
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Tee hee!

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UM...
YOICHI-SAN...?
MY YUKATA ISN'T... MESSED UP IN THE BACK, IS IT?
GONE
?
I...I CANNOT DO IT.
I CANNOT SHOOT AN UNARMED TARGET!
Wasted a come-on
DID HE GET LOST?
HE REALLY IS JUST A CHILD!

SPONSORED BY THE ASAMIGAWA SHOPPING DISTRICT
HAUNTED HOUSE
OPENS AT 10P.M.
PREP TENT
PLEASE HOLD YOURSELF STILL, TSUBASA-SAMA.
OOH, WOW! THIS IS SO NEAT, ANGIE!
I NEVER KNEW SO MANY PEOPLE CAME TO FESTIVALS!
MEOW
SO, UH...UH, WHAT'S WITH YOUR CAT COSTUME, ANGIE? IT'S NOT SCARY AT ALL.
Maybe add a whip?
?
THE HAUNTED HOUSE STAFF BOUGHT THAT COSTUME 20 YEARS AGO.
NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO DO IT JUSTICE UNTIL NOW!
YEAH. SHE CAN DO SOME PRETTY CONVINCING MAKEUP!
ANGELA-CHAN'S THE BEST!
UNIVERSITY! GOOD OLD TSUBAMEBEN TENRYUU UNIVERSITY, YOU SURE LEARNED A LOT IN THEIR COSMETICS PROGRAM!
OF COURSE! THE ART OF DISGUISE IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL LEARNED BY STUDENTS OF TSUBAMEBEN TENRYUU--
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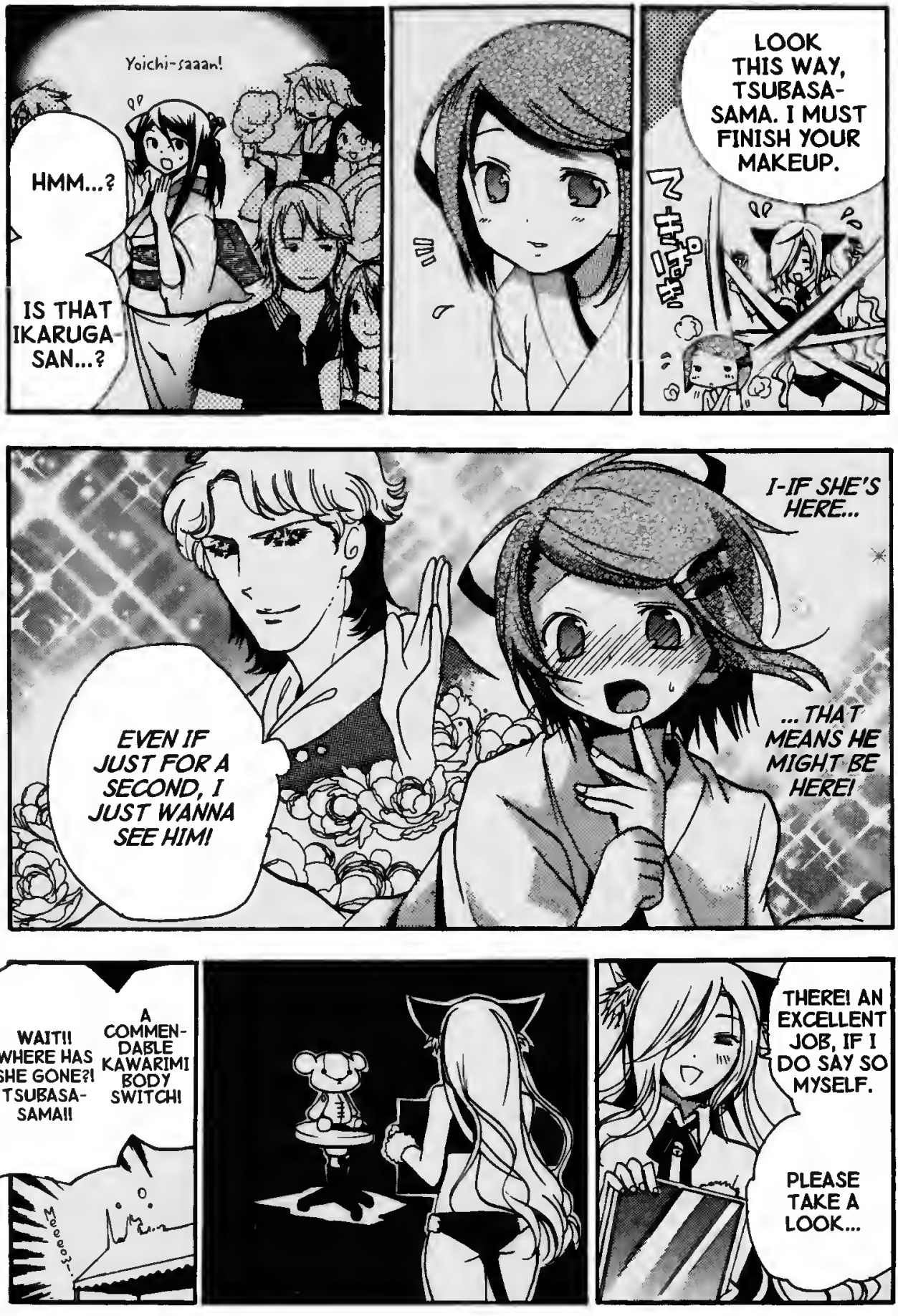
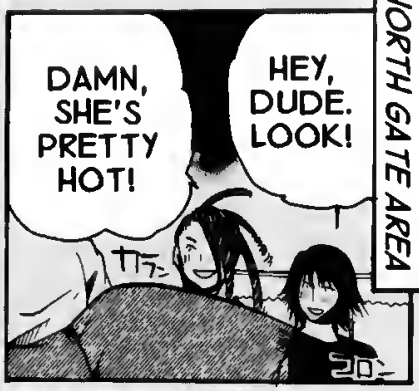
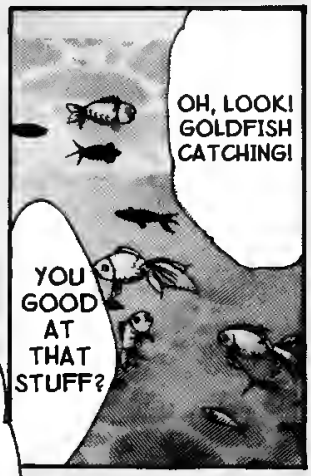

Yoichi-saaan!
HMM...?
IS THAT IKARUGA-SAN...?
LOOK THIS WAY, TSUBASA-SAMA. I MUST FINISH YOUR MAKEUP.
I-IF SHE'S HERE...
...THAT MEANS HE MIGHT BE HERE!
EVEN IF JUST FOR A SECOND, I JUST WANNA SEE HIM!
WAIT!! WHERE HAS SHE GONE?! TSUBASA-SAMA!!
A COMMEN-DABLE KAWARIMI BODY SWITCH!
THERE! AN EXCELLENT JOB, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK...

JEEZ. YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND LIKE A LITTLE KID.
BUT I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN TO TAKE THINGS SLOW! ♡
TEE HEE HEE!


HEY, DUDE. LOOK!
DAMN, SHE'S PRETTY HOT!

HEY.
PACE YOURSELF, IKARUGA-SAN.


OH, LOOK! GOLDFISH CATCHING!
YOU GOOD AT THAT STUFF?

PERK
SURE AM!
JUST YOU WATCH. I'LL CATCH AT LEAST TEN OF THEM!

SUKU...

WOW! THAT WAS AMAZING!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, WASHIZU-KUN! ♡
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Ooh! Aah!
HERE. ALLOW ME TO HELP.
SHOOT! DARN IT!
HEY ...
HEY!!
ALWAYS KNEW HE'D HAVE A HOT GIRLFRIEND!
HEY, LOOK! THAT'S WASHIZU FROM YOKKO HIGH!
LET'S JUST BUY SOMETHING AND GET OUT OF HERE.
STOP ZONING OUT OVER THERE, REJECT.
HEH HEH!
ALWAYS KNEW HIS GIRLFRIEND WOULD BE A BITCH!
HEY, LOOK! THAT'S WASHIZU FROM YOKKO HIGH!

YOU SAY SOMETHIN'?
SO WHY AM I STUCK WITH HER?! WHY, DAMMIT?!
DAMMIT! IF THINGS HAD GONE THE WAY THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO, IKARUGA-SAN AND I WOULD BE ADMIRING OUR SPOILS RIGHT NOW!
It's so nice to see such happy fish!
REALITY
DREAM
DON'T THINK CATCHING FISH MAKES YOU COOL, YOU NEANDER-THAL!
HEY, UM, I'M PRETTY GOOD AT CATCHING GOLDFISH.
UH...
GOLDFISH
Wanna try?
GOD, TODAY SUCKS!!!
Heh heh. Little rusty there, son.
Who asked you anyway?
.....
HEY, I THINK THEY'RE STARTIN' TO SELL THOSE DOUBLE-FILLED CREAM PUFFS ABOUT NOW!
EXCUSE ME, SIR! I'D LIKE TO ORDER THREE GARLIC SCALLOP SPECIALS!!
I SWEAR, TORIGAYA'S GONNA SHED TEARS OF BLOOD WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON HIM!!
C'MON, LET'S HUSTLE! SERIOUSLY!
...ARE HAVING A BLAST.
MEANWHILE, TORIGAYA AND COMPANY...

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I RE-DID MY YUKATA AND MY HAIR SO MANY TIMES TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE JUST PERFECT...
...HE BARELY SAW.
BUT...
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!!
COWARD!!
BECAUSE SOME LOSER HAD TO MAKE A TOTALLY FAIL ATTEMPT AT RIGGING THE PAIRINGS!!

EXCUSE ME?!
SHUT IT, THUG! WHAT'S WRONG WITH CALLING COWARD A COWARD, HUH?!?!
THAT'S IT!
QUIT CALLIN' ME A COWARD ALREADY, WOULD YA?! OR IS THAT THE ONLY WORD THAT FITS IN YOUR TEENY BLEACHED-BLOND BRAIN?!

SNAP
HAVING A STUPID, DWEEB LOSER LIKE YOU CONFESS TO ME ISN'T COOL AT ALL!!
YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SAMURAI IN A FIGHT, SO YOU TOOK THE COWARD'S WAY OUT WITH YOUR IDIOTIC SCHEME!

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOU! I WANTED TO CONFESS TO YOUR SISTER!!
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ISLAND WAS A MISTAKE!!

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WITH ME?! WELL, I SURE AS HELL DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND YOU, EITHER!!
LET SOMEBODY ELSE DO THE TALKING FOR ONCE, YOU CONFUSED BITCH!!
!!!

SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE A PAIN IN THE ASS!
A DITZ LIKE YOU ISN'T EVEN IN HER LEAGUE!!
C'MON! WHERE'S YOUR COME-BACK?! BRING IT ON!!
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I MEAN, WHO WOULD EVER NOTICE ME WHEN MY SISTER'S AROUND?
I KNEW SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT.
I SEE.
WELL, SORRY.
I'M NOT LIKE MY SISTER. I'LL NEVER BE AS GOOD AS SHE IS.
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM...?
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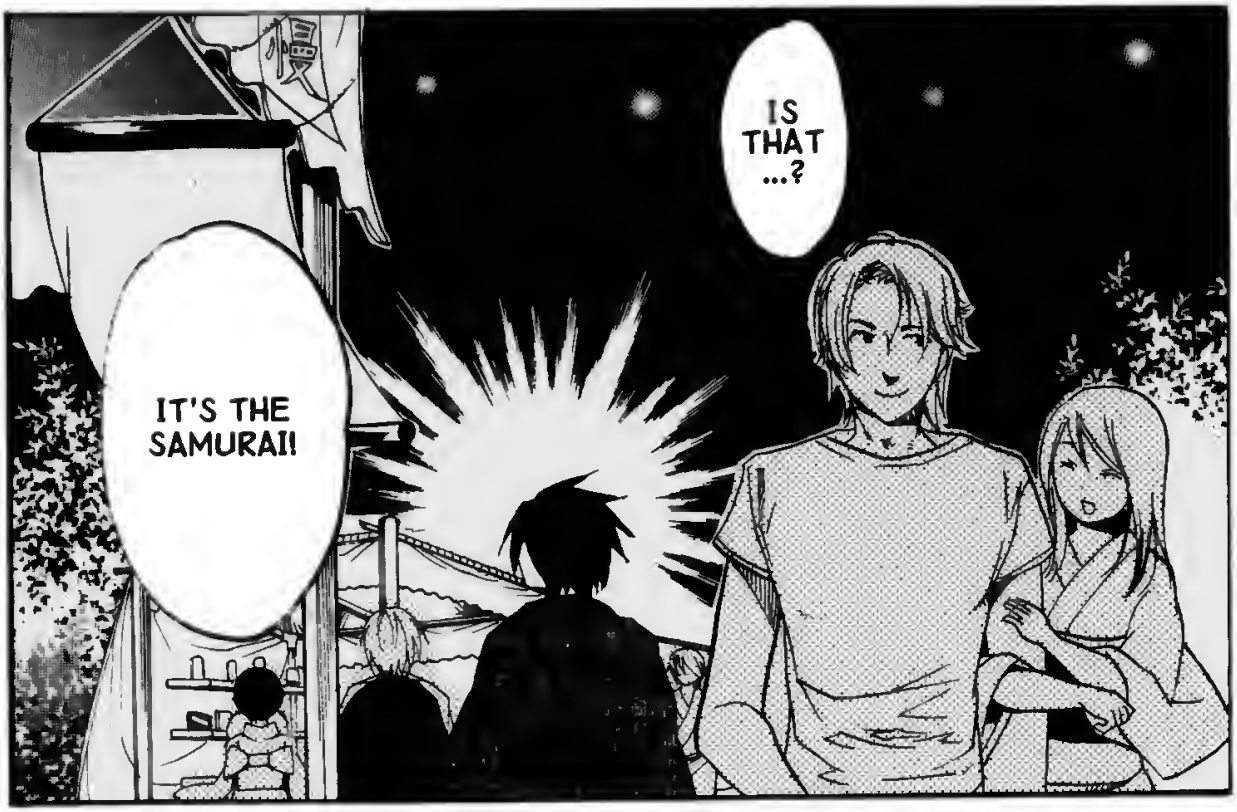
IS THAT ...?
IT'S THE SAMURAI!

GO ON.
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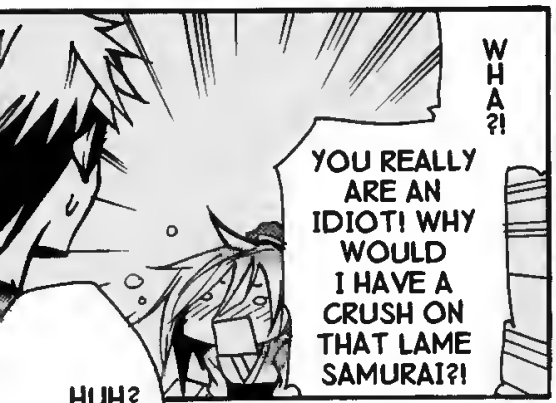
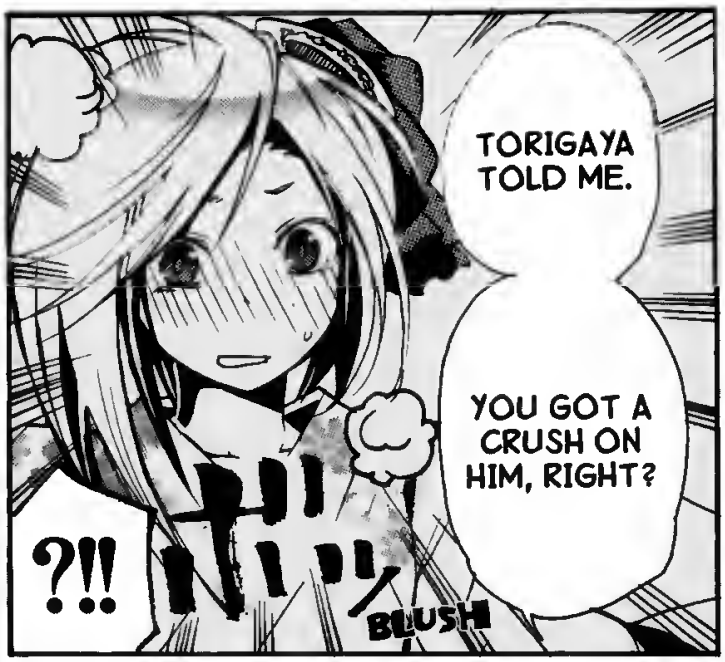
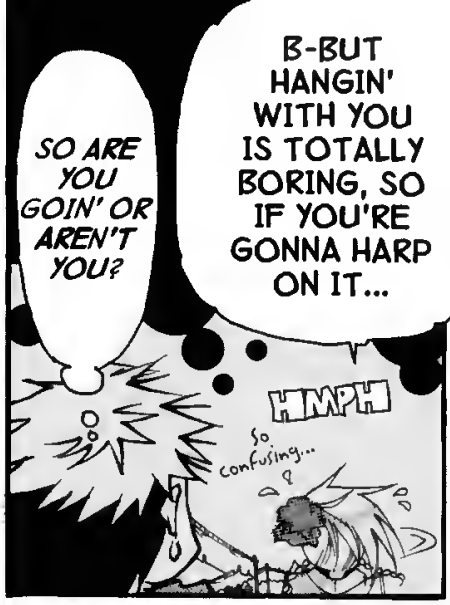
LOST
Ibuki-dono!!
WHAT'S HE DOING OVER HERE?


WHA?!
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT! WHY WOULD I HAVE A CRUSH ON THAT LAME SAMURAI?!
HUH? YOU DON'T?


TORIGAYA TOLD ME.
YOU GOT A CRUSH ON HIM, RIGHT?
?!!
BLUSH

PERFECT.
IF THIS GIRL CLINGS TO THE SAMURAI, THEN I CAN FIND IKARUGA-SAN AND EVERYTHING TURNS OUT THE WAY I FIRST PLANNED!-


B-BUT HANGIN' WITH YOU IS TOTALLY BORING, SO IF YOU'RE GONNA HARP ON IT...
SO ARE YOU GOIN' OR AREN'T YOU?
HMPH
So confusing...

...IKARUGA-SAN MUST BE ALONE, TOO.
WAIT. IF THE SAMURAI'S BY HIMSELF ...

A DATE WITH IKARUGA-SAN IS ALMOST WITHIN MY GRASP...
FREEZE
KEEP GOING. THAT'S THE TICKET...

.....?

.....?

C'MON! WHAT'RE YOU STANDIN' AROUND FOR?!
HE'LL GET LOST AGAIN!

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HUH?
WHAT'S SHE...
...SHAKIN' SO BAD FOR?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?
WHY'S SHE STEPPING BACKWARDS?
SHE'S ALWAYS SO FIERY.
I MEAN, WE JUST ARGUED...!

HOW COME SHE CAN'T EVEN GO AND GREET THE GUY SHE LIKES?

YOICHI-SAN!
WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN?!
IBUKI-DONO!
HOW DID YOU GET SO FAR?
PARDON...
UH...
.....
HEY...
NO.
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.

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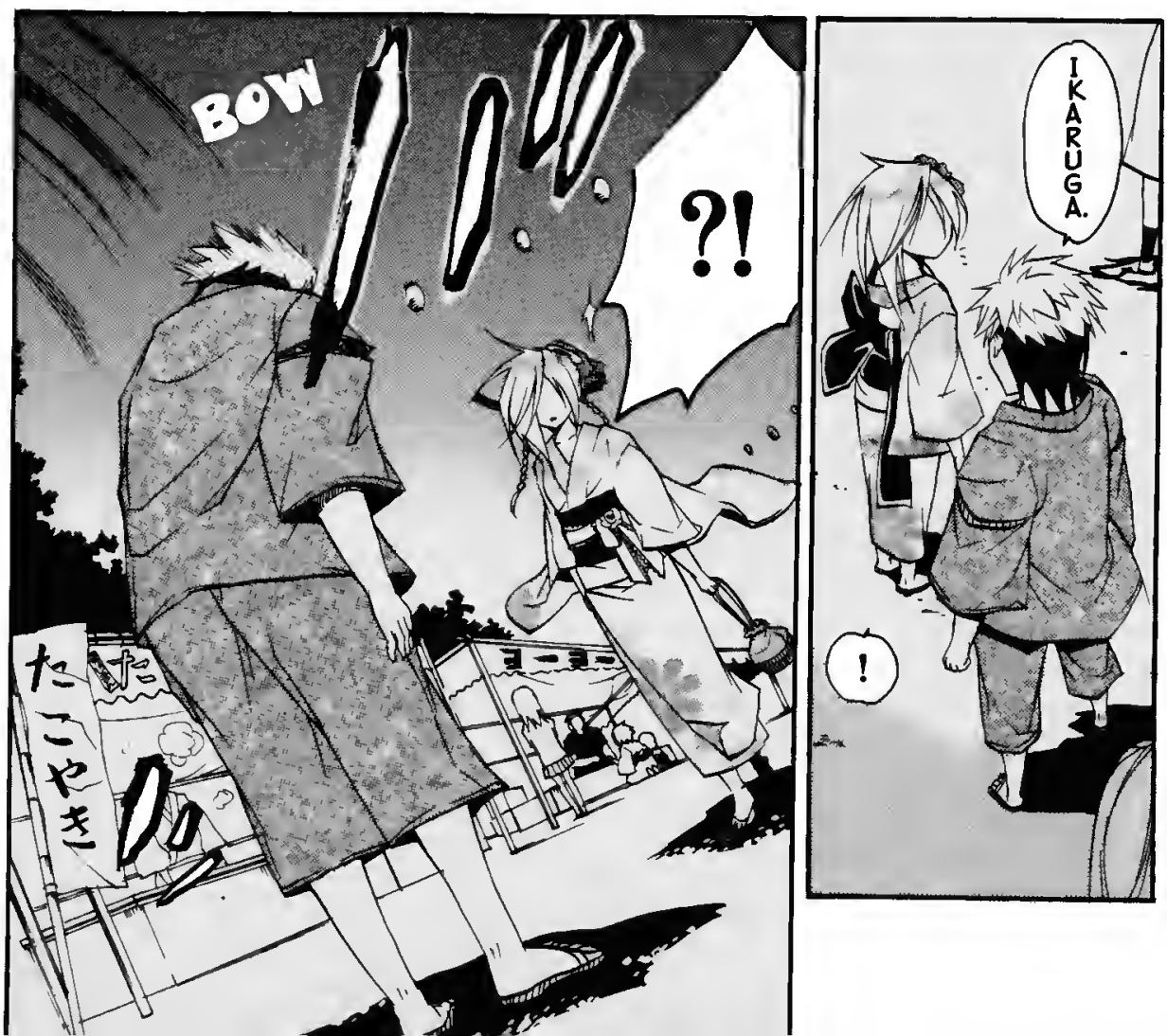
SOMEONE LIKE ME DOESN'T BELONG WITH A GUY LIKE THE SAMURAI.
HE'S BETTER OFF WITH MY SISTER.
JUST LIKE WITH YOU, IT'D BE WEIRD.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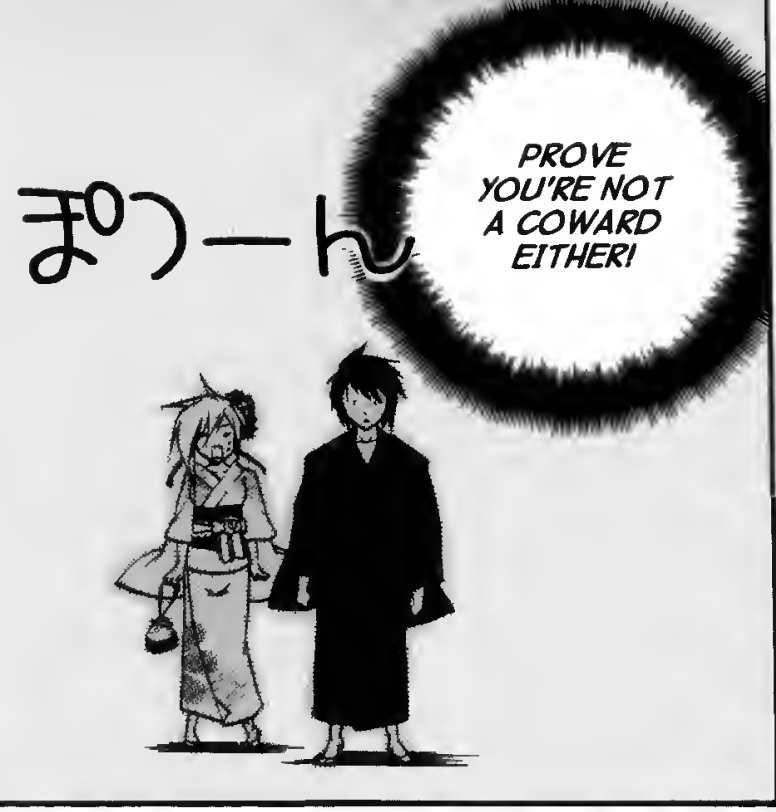
IKARUGA.
!

I'M SORRY.
I CAME UP WITH AN UNDERHANDED SCHEME INSTEAD OF FACING MY OPPONENT HEAD ON.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I AM A COWARD.
BUT Y'KNOW...
THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY, EITHER.
...THE WAY YOU'RE GIVING UP BEFORE THE BATTLE BEGINS...

...A LITTLE SOON TO BE LOOKIN' THAT BEAT?
ISN'T IT...
IF YOU REALLY LOVE SOME-ONE...
.....!!
HEY, IKARUGA-SAN!! LET'S GO WALK AROUND THE FESTIVAL TOGETHER!!
YOINK
...THEN YOU CAN'T BE GIVIN' UP SO QUICK!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PROVE YOU'RE NOT A COWARD EITHER!

WASHIZU-KUN?!
WHA?

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, GIRL!

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SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
HA HA! IT APPEARS WE HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND!

WH-WHY DO YOU RUN, AYAME-DONO?!
I DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT HANGING OUT WITH A STUPID SAMURAI!!

SHALL WE, AYAME-DONO?
THEN LET US EXPLORE THE REST OF THE FESTIVAL, YOU AND I.

AYAME-DONO!
IDIOT! WHY AM I RUNNING?!
THAT PUNK GAVE ME A NEARLY-PERFECT OPPORT-UNITY!
BUT IT'D BE WRONG.
HE'D RATHER BE WITH MY SISTER THAN ME. IT'S NOT FAIR TO MAKE HIM PRETEND TO ENJOY HIMSELF.
"GIVING UP BEFORE THE BATTLE EVEN BEGINS... THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY, EITHER."
AYAME-DONO...
!!
GASP
huff
huff
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
THAT'S RIGHT. ...THEN WHY DO YOUR EYES HOLD TEARS?
NEVER GIVE UP!!

I ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND.
THIS IS YOUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT COOKING?
THEN IT IS EVEN MORE SPECIAL!
EVEN WITH ONE BITE I CAN TELL YOU PUT EFFORT INTO THIS!
I PROMISED MYSELF I'D START TRYING AGAIN!
UM!
I...!
UH ...
mumble
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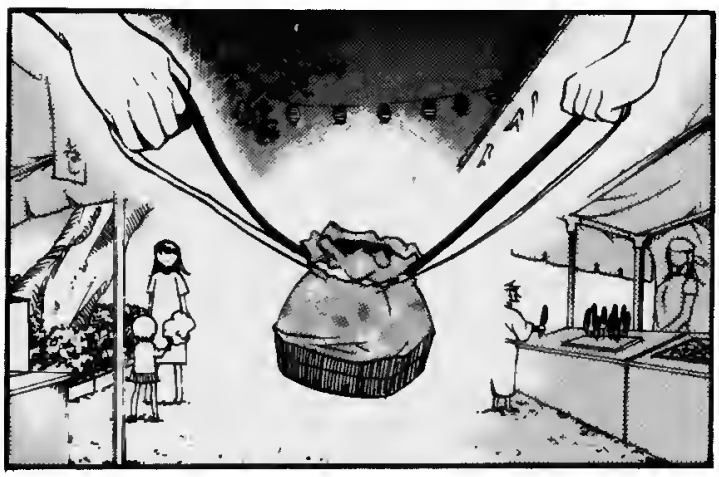
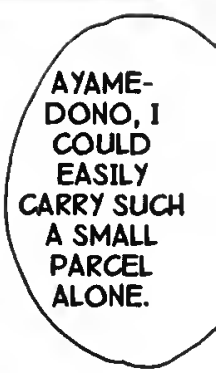
I...
...I GUESS IF YOU HELP ME CARRY MY BAG...
...THEN MAYBE I COULD P-PUT UP WITH WALKING AROUND THE FESTIVAL WITH YOU!
Bag



WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR HAVING A SMALL BAG!
I DON'T LET JUST ANYBODY HELP ME OUT, SO BE HAPPY YOU GET HALF!


AYAME-DONO, I COULD EASILY CARRY SUCH A SMALL PARCEL ALONE.

I MADE A LEAP OF FAITH, AND NOW I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THROUGH!
WASHIZU-KUN, SLOW DOWN!
W-WAIT!
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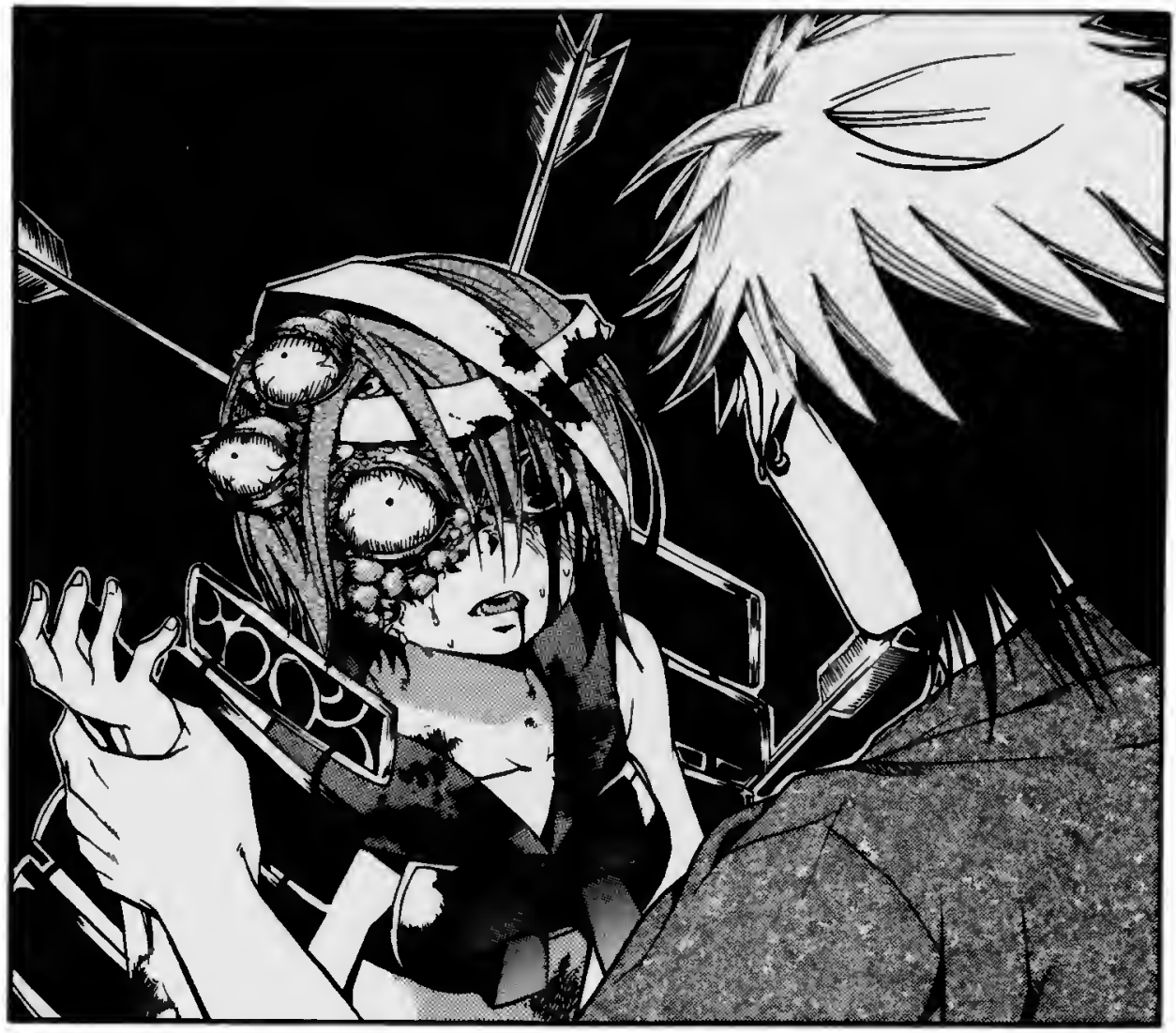
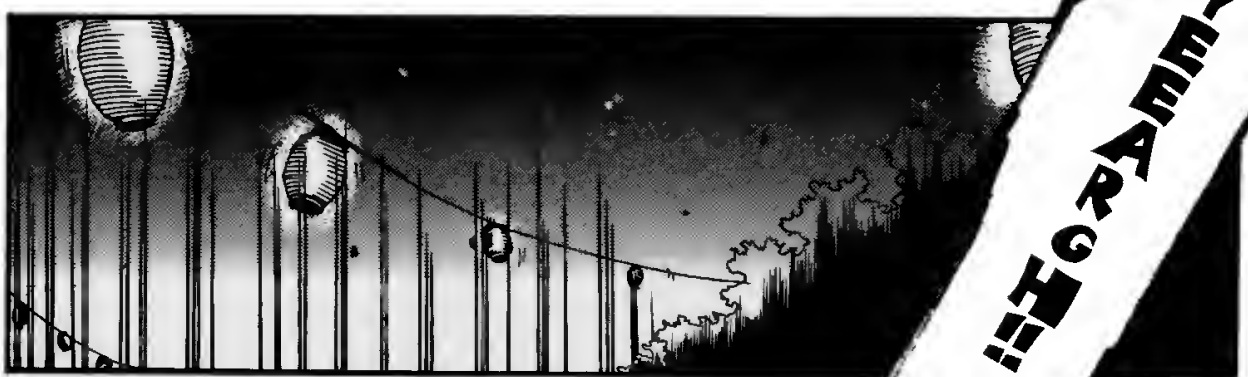
IKARUGA-SAN!
THIS WILL BE THE DAY I TELL YOU HOW I FEEL!!
UH...
TH-THERE'S SOME-THING I HAVE TO TELL--




AWOOH!!
A monster!!

H-HE HELD MY HAND ...!
SHE SAID ANGELA-SAN DID IT!
ISN'T HER MAKEUP SO DETAILED?!
I HAPPENED TO STUMBLE INTO TSUBASA-CHAN WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR YOICHI-SAN.
I WAS GOING TO TAKE HER AROUND TO SHOW EVERYONE, BUT YOU GRABBED HER BY THE WRIST AND TOOK OFF!
AHA HA HA HA HA
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
HEH. YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER, LOSER.
Ha!
NO PROGRESS AGAIN...!
DAMMIT...!
WHAT GIVES?! NOBODY BROUGHT BACK FOOD LIKE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO!
WHY'D WE EVEN BOTHER SPLITTING UP?!

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WHAT?! WHY ME?!
AYAME, YOU DO THE HONORS OF READING IT FOR US.
HERE'S OUR FIRST EXAMPLE.
RIGHT. SO THIS IS TO ENLIGHTEN OUR READERS ON A "FEW PHRASES THAT JUST SOUND WRONG WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT."
SOME OF US DON'T HAVE DIRTY MINDS, Y'KNOW.
WELCOME TO MY "NOW I CAN'T THINK OF IT ANY OTHER WAY" COMMENTARY CORNER.
You mean a perverted way?!
YOU WANT ME TO READ IT? FINE!!
A-AM NOT!!!
You closet pervert!
SNERK
OH REALLY NOW. WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING, THEN, HMM?
H-HEY! WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS?! IT'S, LIKE, TOTAL NONSENSE!
...PINK POPSICLE...
UM...
...AH...
P-P...
FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T GET THE JOKE, CHERISH YOUR PURITY AND INNOCENCE!
WHERE'S YOUR COMMEN-TARY?!
SNERK
Augh!!
AND THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
mumble
mumble

"Next time" seems highly unlikely.

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